

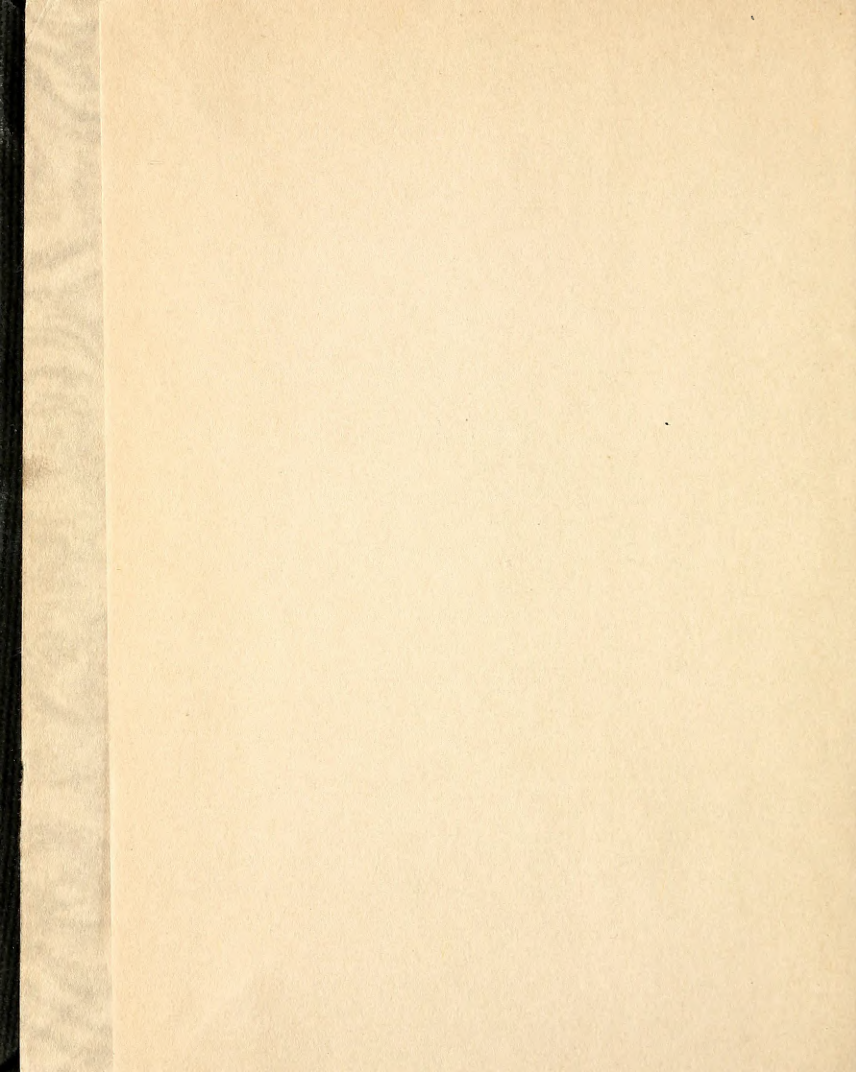



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# Twenty-second Annual Report

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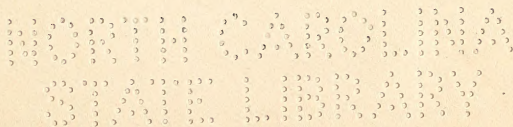
## North Carolina Society

of the

## Colonial Dames of America



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## PREAMBLE.

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*Whereas*, History shows that the remembrance of a nation's glory in the past stimulates a national greatness in the future, and that successive generations are awakened to true patriotism and aroused to nobler endeavor by the contemplation of the heroic deeds of their forefathers; therefore the Society of the Colonial Dames of America has been formed, that the descendants of those men who in the Colonial period by their rectitude, courage and self-denial prepared the way for success in that struggle which gained for the country its liberty and constitution, may associate themselves together to do honor to the virtues of their forefathers, and to encourage all who come under their influence, true patriotism, built on a knowledge of the self-sacrifice and heroism of those men of the colonies who laid the foundation of this great nation.—*National Constitution.*



ARTICLE 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE  
NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL  
DAMES OF AMERICA.

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OBJECTS

The object of this Society shall be to collect and preserve manuscripts, traditions, relics and mementos of the by-gone days; to preserve and restore buildings connected with the early history of our country, to diffuse healthful and intelligent information concerning the past, to create a popular interest in our Colonial history, to stimulate a spirit of true patriotism and a genuine love of country, and to impress upon the young the sacred obligation of honoring the memory of those heroic Ancestors whose ability, valor, sufferings and achievements are beyond all praise.

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# **The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America**

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## **Officers Elected May, 1916**

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**PRESIDENT:**

**MRS. JOSEPH RUCKER LAMAR**

**VICE-PRESIDENT:**

**MRS. NATHANIEL TERRY BACON**

**SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:**

**MRS. ALBERT L. SIOUSSAT**

**THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT:**

**MRS. OVERTON LEA**

**SECRETARY:**

**MRS. CHARLES R. MILLER**

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY:**

**MRS. JOHN Y. TAYLOR**

**TREASURER:**

**MRS. ALEXANDER J. CASSATT**

**REGISTRAR:**

**MRS. FRANKLIN B. DEXTER**

**HISTORIAN:**

**MISS CORNELIA B. WILLIAMS**

# The North Carolina Society of The Colonial Dames of America

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## Officers Elected May, 1916

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### PRESIDENT:

MRS. ALFRED MOORE WADDELL,  
120 South Fifth Avenue, Wilmington, N. C.

### FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:

MRS. M. F. H. GOUVENEUR,  
125 South Fourth Street, Wilmington, N. C.

### NON-RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS:

MISS LIDA TUNSTALL RODMAN,  
Washington, N. C.

MRS. JOSEPHUS DANIELS,  
1851 Wyoming Street, Washington, D. C.

### RECORDING SECRETARY:

MISS LUCIANA POISSON,  
308 South Second Street, Wilmington, N. C.

### CORRESPONDING SETRETARY:

MISS SUE MOORE McQUEEN,  
318 South Front Street, Wilmington, N. C.

### TREASURER:

MRS. MARCUS CLAUD HAMMOND,  
223 South Fifth Avenue, Wilmington, N. C.

REGISTRAR:  
MRS. W. N. HARRISS,  
"Carolina Apartment House," Wilmington, N. C.

HISTORIAN:  
MISS ELISE Y. KIDDER,  
South Third Street, Wilmington, N. C.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY:  
MRS. JOHN CAMPBELL,  
315 South Third Street, Wilmington, N. C.

STATE CHAIRMAN COUNTY COMMITTEES:  
MRS. WILLIAM LATIMER,  
126 South Third Street, Wilmington, N. C.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS:  
(Necrology)  
MRS. W. A. WILLIAMS,  
118 South Fourth Street, Wilmington, N. C.

CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS:  
MISS MARY S. KINGSBURY,  
211 South Fifth Avenue, Wilmington, N. C.

CHAIRMAN ST. PHILIP'S COMMITTEE:  
MISS SUE M. McQUEEN,  
318 South Front Street, Wilmington, N. C.

## Board of Managers Elected May, 1916

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### TERMS EXPIRE 1917

MRS. WALKER TAYLOR,  
MISS CARRIE MOORE,  
MRS. GEORGE COTCHETT,  
MRS. JOHN CAMPBELL,  
MRS. W. N. HARRISS.

### TERMS EXPIRE 1918

MRS. THOMAS C. JAMES,  
MRS. WILLIAM A. WILLIAMS,  
MRS. GABRIEL HOLMES,  
MISS SUE MOORE McQUEEN,  
MRS. GRAHAM KENAN.

### TERMS EXPIRE 1919

MRS. M. C. HAMMOND,  
MRS. E. L. PRINCE,  
MISS ELISE Y. KIDDER,  
MISS OLIVIA G. BELLAMY,  
MISS LUCIANA POISSON.

## **LIFE-TIME OFFICERS**

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**FOUNDER AND HONORARY PRESIDENT:**

**MRS. GEORGE WILSON KIDDER,**

**No. 101 South Third Street, Wilmington, N. C.**

**HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENT:**

**MRS. VIRGINIA GWATHMEY EMPIE,**

**Wilmington, N. C.**



## Minutes

The Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY of THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA was held on Thursday, May 11th, 1916, in the rooms of the Society immediately after the luncheon, which was served at one o'clock.

The President in the chair called the meeting to order. All joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

The President then stated that she wished to have repeated for the instruction of the members, the flag ceremony used at the opening of the National Biennial Council, upon which Miss Jenny Murchison, bearing the United States flag, and Mrs. David S. Oliver the colors of the Society, came in. The members rose and repeated in unison, the Salute to the Flag. The flags were placed back of the President's chair, the U. S. flag at the right and the colors at the left.

### "THE SALUTE TO THE FLAG."

#### "TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

And in grateful remembrance of those, our ancestors, who through evil report and loss of fortune, through suffering and death, maintained stout hearts and laid the foundations of our country, we, the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, pledge our loyal affectionate allegiance to these our Flags."

The roll was called with fifty-seven members present including thirteen non-resident members as follows: Mrs. Charles Summers, Mrs. John Waters, Mrs. E. E. Moffitt, Mrs. W. T. Hines, Mrs. H. A. London, Mrs. Charles Parks, Mrs. Franklin McNeill, Mrs. John D. Cooper, Mrs. Jno. Weddell, Mrs. W. H. Bagley, Mrs. W. E. Jenkins, Mrs. J. H. Boatwright, Mrs. Walter C. Curtis.

It was the pleasure of the Society to have at the meeting, Miss Margaret Gibson, President of the North Carolina Sorosis, Mrs. Carl Davis of the Virginia Society, formerly of Petersburg, but now of this city, and Mrs. C. M. James, ex-member of the Maryland Society.

The Secretary read Article II of the National Constitution.

A motion was made by Mrs. Latimer and seconded by Mrs. Hammond, that the reading of the Annual Minutes for 1915 be dispensed with and that they be accepted as printed. The motion was carried.

The President made her address of welcome to the Society.

The reports of the following officers were then read and passed upon:

The report of the Corresponding Secretary.

The report of the Assistant Secretary.

The report of the Treasurer.

The Registrar being absent, her report was read by Mrs. Latimer.

Mrs. H. A. London moved that the reports of the Registrar and Treasurer be accepted with thanks, as there is a great amount of work con-



nected with each of these offices. This was duly seconded and carried.

The report of the Historian. Motion was made and duly seconded that this report be accepted with thanks.

The report of Mrs. W. A. Williams, the Chairman of Committee on Memorials (Necrology) was read, all standing.

The President called attention to a beautiful vase of lilies on the table, sent by Mrs. Virginia Empie in loving memory of her daughter, Mrs. E. P. Bailey.

The report of the State Chairman of County Committees.

The report of the Vance County Committee was read by Mrs. Latimer.

The report of the Forsythe County Committee was read by Mrs. Charles Summers.

The report of the Mecklenburg County Committee was read by Mrs. John Watters.

Three telegrams of greetings from the following non-resident members were read by the Secretary: Mrs. Ralph Van Landingham, Chairman of the Mecklenburg County Committee; Mrs. Harden Hairston, Chairman of the Forsythe County Committee; Mrs. Frank Spruill, of Rocky Mount.

Mrs. John Watters read a list of Colonial articles contained in the Carnegie Library at Charlotte. This was sent by Mrs. Van Landingham.

The report of the Lenoir County Committee was read by Mrs. W. T. Hines, Chairman. She re-

ported the promise of the loan of many Colonial relics for exhibition in the State Museum in Raleigh.

The report of the Wake County Committee was read by Mrs. Franklin McNeill, Chairman. The request made by this Committee for the privilege of writing the history of Wake County was heartily granted.

Mrs. Weddell, Chairman of Edgecomb County Committee, reported committee too recently formed for report. She asked that this society give her permission to request assistance from the authorities of the town of Tarboro for the erection of a boulder to Joseph Howell, founder of that town.

There was no report from Buncombe, Wayne, Cumberland Counties, nor from the Washington Town Committee.

Mrs. H. A. London reported a number of interesting relics in the Chatham County Court House. She spoke of an active historical society organized by her husband many years ago. She stated that by request, in 1876, her husband had written the history of Chatham County, and she offered a copy of same to the Society for record.

The report of the Biennial Council by Mrs. Ralph Van Landingham, delegate, was read by Mrs. Latimer.

Mrs. E. L. Prince moved that a rising vote of thanks be given for this report. Motion duly seconded and vote was given.

The report of the Custodian of the Register, Mrs. H. C. Prince, was read by Mrs. E. L. Prince.

The report of our representative on the Executive Board of Moonlight Schools, Mrs. Donald MacRae, was read by Mrs. Cotchett.

The report of the War Relief Work by the Chairman, Mrs. J. W. Williamson.

The report of the Librarian, Miss Elise Kidder, read by Miss Florence Kidder.

Mrs. Moffitt gave an interesting description of the growth and progress of the North Carolina Booklet. Mrs. Waddell stated that the Society had every copy of the Booklet and had given several copies to the High School of the City.

The Secretary was asked to take the chair while the President made a report of the Committee on Relics collected for the National Museum for exhibition. She urged the members of the Society to send relics for exhibition both to Raleigh and to Washington.

The Chairman of St. Philip's Committee had no special report, but made a few statements regarding the trip to old St. Philip's to be held on Friday, May 12th, and urged every one to attend if possible.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Secretary read the names of the nominees of the primary held in April. Miss Kidder moved that the ticket be accepted as a whole. Motion carried with the following result:

*President*—Mrs. A. M. Waddell.

*Vice-President*—Mrs. M. F. H. Gouveneur.

*Non-resident Vice-President*—Miss Lida Rodman.

*Non-resident Vice-President*—Mrs. Josephus Daniels.



Five new members to the Board of Managers as follows:

Mrs. M. C. Hammond,  
Mrs. E. L. Prince,  
Miss Elise Kidder,  
Miss Luciana Poisson,  
Miss Lilla Bellamy.

### PRESIDENT'S ACCEPTANCE.

*Ladies of the N. C. S. C. D. A.:*

You have today conferred upon me the highest gift in your power, and I thank you more than words can express for the confidence in me thereby evinced. Not one of you can imagine the shrinking and trepidation with which I enter this office, and I can assure you that I am thoroughly in accord with any who feel that the honor falls upon an unworthy recipient. I look back upon my predecessors in office, Mrs. Kidder, our Founder and Pioneer, a woman of constructive initiative and broad vision, who carefully and wisely blazed the trails which under our next President, Mrs. Kate deR. Meares, were broadened and pressed into shape by the steady march of progress. When she laid down the burden, it was taken up cheerfully and ably by the strong hands of Mrs. James Sprunt, whose wonderful mental equipment was equal to any strain put upon it. Then came Mrs. Bailey, that gentle, lovable personality. I am not worthy so much as to touch the hem of the garments of these, and my only claim to consideration is long continued ser-

vice and untiring zeal in the work and interests of the Society.

I feel that our Society, composed as it is, of so many able women, should take a front place in the ranks and know that such position can be attained if we will put aside sectional and narrow objects and work as a unit for the whole Society.

We have contributed liberally to the large plans of the National Society, as for instance, the George Washington Memorial Building, to which we gave \$500.00; the restoration of Sulgrave Manor, \$75.00 and \$50.00 for the portrait of Washington, a gift to England, to commemorate the one hundred years of peace between the two English speaking nations.

Now, we should prepare to make generous contributions to the Plymouth Commemoration, and I would be glad if at this meeting plans would be projected and discussed by which a goodly sum could be raised for the years up to and including 1920, without entailing any undue financial strain on either Society or individual.

We have a wonderful opportunity to carry out a work which will make the Society of real national importance, and that is in furnishing the money to publish under the editorship of Dr. Andrews, the "Diary of Janet Schaw" already brought to the attention of the National Society under the title, "The Journal of a Lady of Quality." It will take so much money that probably local work will have to be abandoned for the time being, but I can assure you that the self denial of a few years will be more than compensated for by the position it will

give our Society in the National Councils, and I earnestly trust that we will all co-operate to make this venture a success.

It was really gratifying to be told by representatives of other States that North Carolina had furnished them with many helpful hints. Indeed, your delegation to the Biennial Council decided that all Societies grappled with the same problems, faced the same perplexities, and that North Carolina surmounted them as well as any sister Society.

All were agreed that admission into the Society had become more elastic than was advisable, and I feel called upon to utter at this time a note of warning. We must all remember that something more than a Colonial Ancestor is necessary if we would maintain a membership of unblemished worth. Education and social congeniality should be taken into consideration, and of course, character. Quality and not quantity should be our watch word. Various plans were suggested, such as raising the dues, limiting the number of yearly admissions; but all agreed that something must be done.

I have touched upon only a few points, and not to weary you, will only add that I will do my best to justify your confidence and will always welcome not carping criticism, but friendly correction and counsel.

“Be to my virtues very kind,  
Be to my faults a little blind.”

And may our Society ever stand “for all that is highest in birth, breeding and moral standard and patriotism.”



Mrs. Clayton Giles, Jr., had the floor for a few minutes and urged in a most earnest manner the importance of the publication of the Janet Schaw Diary as it is a work of international value.

Mrs. London moved that a loving message be sent to Mrs. George Kidder. This was carried by a rising vote. It was also decided that some of the flowers on the President's table be sent Mrs. Kidder.

Miss Eliza Meares suggested that we keep in mind the building of a cloister at Valley Forge. Mrs. Waddell stated that several months ago she suggested that the various organizations urge the legislature to make an appropriation to that end.

Miss Sue McQueen then asked that some definite plans be formed for contributing to the Plymouth Memorial fund. She said that it should be a matter of pride for this Society to contribute, and that we should wish to say to the National Society what we will give to this splendid memorial.

Mrs. Hammond moved that each member be assessed a certain amount until 1920.

Mrs. Watters then told us of the expense of running County Committees. She stated that each member of the Mecklenburg County Committee was assessed fifty cents a year for current expenses and that she did not know whether they would care to pledge themselves to contribute for other purposes. The subject of the memorial brought forth much discussion.



The President then read the following extracts from Mrs. Lyster's report in the minutes of the Biennial Council 1914:

"Three events in our early colonial history, appeal most strongly to the imagination: The landing at Jamestown, the settlement at Plymouth, and while last in historical importance, first in point of time, the planting of the colony at Roanoke Island, known to history as the Lost Colony, which name tells its tragic history."

The President urged that we lay aside sectional feeling and contribute to the Plymouth Memorial.

Miss McQueen moved that the amount be decided on now for 1916. Motion duly seconded and carried.

Mrs. W. D. McMillan, Jr., remarked that she thought it very unwise to pledge anything for any number of years.

Miss McQueen withdrew her motion, whereupon Mrs. Prince said that she would be glad to start voluntary contributions by giving \$5.00. Mrs. Parks also promised \$5.00.

The President read the amounts contributed by the different corporate societies.

Finally Miss Eliza Meares put the following motion which was duly seconded and carried: "That each member be assessed twenty-five cents for 1916 with the privilege of contributing as much more as they desire for the Plymouth Memorial."

Mrs. Hammond's motion in regard to the memorial was lost.

The President stated that one of the most delightful features of the National Council was the gathering of much useful information through informal talks with delegates from all parts of the country. They all agreed upon one point, that admission into the society was entirely too elastic. Mrs. Waddell then read the rules governing the admission of a person into the society,

Mrs. Latimer moved that we give each County Committee a copy of the Society Register. Motion duly seconded and carried.

Mrs. Moffitt asked that the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames send a delegate to the meeting of the North Carolina Historical Society in Raleigh next fall. Mrs. London moved that Mrs. Waddell be sent as our delegate. Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. Latimer stated that at the last meeting of the Board a motion was made and carried that the life membership fee in this Society be increased to \$75.00. She now wished that this motion receive the full endorsement of the annual meeting, at which meeting there were so many non-resident members present. Mrs. Cotchett moved that the life membership motion be given the endorsement and approval of those present. Motion duly seconded and carried.

Mrs. Creasy then called attention to the presence of Miss Margaret Gibson, President of Sorosis, and

asked that she address the Society. Miss Gibson arose and thanked the Society for the courtesy of the meeting and the privilege of being a guest. She also stated that she brought a message of appreciation from the State Federation of Women's Clubs for the greetings received from the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames.

There being no further business before the Society, a motion was made by Miss Wood, seconded by Mrs. Hammond, that the meeting be adjourned.

ELIZA BELLAMY WILLIAMSON,

*Recording Secretary.*

## Board Meeting

The Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America was held upon the adjournment of the meeting of the Society, Thursday, May 11th, 1916. All visiting Dames were present.

The President in the chair, called the meeting to order. The Secretary called the roll with a quorum present. Then followed the election of officers with the following result:

Miss Sue McQueen, Corresponding Secretary  
Mrs. John I. Campbell, Assistant Secretary  
Miss Luciana Poisson, Recording Secretary  
Miss Elise Kidder, Historian  
Mrs. W. N. Harriss, Registrar  
Mrs. M. C. Hammond, Treasurer

The President asked the authority of the Board for a slip to be printed immediately containing the names of the new officers. This was granted.

The name of Mrs. W. T. Genheimer was given a first reading.

Proposed by—Mrs. Marshall Williams.

Endorsed by—Mrs. W. M. Shaw,  
Mrs. W. M. Creasy,  
Mrs. John A. Long,  
Mrs. C. F. Harvey.



The President re-appointed Mrs. Latimer Chairman of County Committees.

Miss Elise Kidder will combine the office of Librarian with that of Historian.

Miss Sue McQueen was re-appointed by the President Chairman of St. Philips Committee.

The President re-appointed Mrs. W. A. Williams Chairman of Committee on Memorials (Necrology).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ELIZA BELLAMY WILLIAMSON,  
*Recording Secretary.*

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# In Memoriam

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"For they that are with Him are called,  
and chosen, and faithful."

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**MRS. JOHN WILDER ATKINSON**

Honorary Vice-President  
WILMINGTON, N. C.

**MRS. EDWARD PÄRR BAILEY**

President  
WILMINGTON, N. C.

**MRS. GEORGE P. COLLINS**

HILLSBORO, N. C.

**MRS. JULIAN S. CARR**

DURHAM, N. C.

**MRS. WILLIAM DUDLEY GALE**

NASHVILLE, TENN.

**MRS. FREDERICK W. HORSFIELD**

OXFORD, N. C.

**MRS. ALEXANDER B. ANDREWS**

RALEIGH, N. C.

**MRS. JAMES SPRUNT**

WILMINGTON, N. C.

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# Appendix

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## Annual Address of the President

*Ladies of the N. C. S. C. D. A., and Our Guests:*

It is a great privilege to stand this morning, and looking at the faces of old, and may I say friends, in the name of our Society, extend a cordial welcome to each and every one. Especially to the Dames resident in Wilmington greet those who have come from varying distances to be with us.

As it was in this City by the Sea that our State Society was organized, and as our Charter orders that the principal place of business or meeting of said Corporation shall be at the City of Wilmington, it is our duty, as well as our pleasure, to open wide the gates, and with hearty greeting endeavor to make each one feel that she is in her own home. It is well for us to come together once a year for a frank exchange of ideas, to hear of work accomplished, to consult about work projected and to gain that encouragement and inspiration which only personal contact and sympathy can give. This year especially do we need all the help possible, for we have, under the shadow of great sorrow, tried to pick up the threads dropped by hands well tried, and to carry on the incomplete work of those so

unexpectedly taken from our midst. The loyalty and unity of the Society have been shown in a most wonderful manner, and it is impossible to find fitting words in which to express appreciation of many acts of consideration and kindness.

The National Society of C. D. A., to which we have the honor of belonging is no mere agglomeration of idle women, so called aristocrats, but a power for good throughout the length and breadth of this land. When you hear the account of this last Biennial Council, our Silver Anniversary, your whole being will thrill with pride. And we, in North Carolina, must strain every sinew to measure up to the other States for the honor of our grand old Commonwealth. In union there is strength, and there is no limit to what we can accomplish if we will give a long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull all together.

Ladies, we greet you, and hope that our conferences may be both profitable and pleasurable.

## Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary

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The report of Miss McQueen, Corresponding Secretary, Protem, of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America, for the year ending May 11th, 1916:

### MAIL RECEIVED.

Letters .....	96
List of Officers and Managers .....	32
Cards of Condolence .....	30
Circular Letters .....	16
Invitations .....	16
Year Books .....	3
Annual Reports .....	7
Miscellaneous Literature .....	5
Total .....	205

### MAIL SENT.

Letters .....	135
Postal Cards .....	8
Total .....	143

Respectfully submitted,

SUE M. McQUEEN,

*Corresponding Secretary, Protem.*

## Report of Assistant Secretary

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Since the last annual report the Assistant Secretary has sent out the following pieces of mail:

- 540 Copies of the Annual Report.
  - 100 Invitations to the Memorial Service.
  - 252 Ballot Slips.
  - 400 Notices to the Society.
  - 265 Notices to the Board of Managers.
  - 200 Invitations to the Annual Meeting.
  - 250 Invitations to the Pilgrimage.
  - 76 Copies of the Constitution and By-Laws.
  - 10 Copies of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America.
  - 45 letters.
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Making a total of 2138 pieces of mail.

Respectfully submitted,  
MARGARET D. CAMPBELL,  
*Assistant Secretary.*

May 11th, 1916.



# Treasurer's Annual Report

## RECEIPTS

From May 1st, 1915 to May 1st, 1916.

Balance on hand May 1st, 1915.....	\$ 816.91
From—Two Life Memberships .....	100.00
Initiation Fees.....	270.00
July, 1915	
From—Check from Mrs. Starr.....	100.00
"    Back Dues and Dues for 1915 .....	46.00
"    Dues for 1916 .....	505.00
"    Cash .....	1.40
"    Interest.....	12.38
January 12th, 1916.	
From—Mr. E. P. Bailey to be used in Relief Work in Memory of His Mother .....	25.00
February	
From—Mr. Adam Empie to be used in Relief Work in Memory of Mrs. Bailey.....	10.00
Total .....	\$ 1,886.69

## DISBURSEMENTS

From May 1st, 1915 to May 1st, 1916.

To—Rent .....	\$ 153.00
"    Expenses 1915 Meeting, Reception and Pilgrimage.....	153.95
"    Capitation Tax.....	249.75
"    Engraving and Printing.....	264.04
"    First and Second Prize Essays.....	150.00
"    Postage and Express .....	76.09
"    Miss Collier for Boulder.....	80.10
"    Miss French (Typewriting Minutes).....	49.00
"    Chairman of Committee on Claims (Examining Pedigree Papers).....	48.00
"    Flowers .....	34.00
"    Red Cross and Relief.....	41.18
"    Mr. W. B. McKoy (Research Work).....	5.00
"    Miss Julia Robertson (Through Mrs. Latimer) .....	7.00
"    Excess Dues Returned.....	4.00
"    Incidentals .....	15.26
Total .....	\$1,330.37—\$1,330.37
Balance on Hand May 1, 1916.....	\$ 556.32

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. HAMMOND,

*Treasurer, N. C. S. C. D. A.*

## Report of the Registrar

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### *Madam President and Colonial Dames of the State of North Carolina:*

I have the honor of presenting to you, the report of the Registrar for the year 1915-1916.

Twenty-one names have been registered, three of them being those of Associate members as follows:

- 597—Miss Mary Faison DeVane, Goldsboro, N. C.
- 598—Mrs. Thomas Alexander McNeil, Lumberton, N. C.
- 599—Mrs. Robert Means Oates, Flat Rock, N. C.
- 600—Mrs. Henry L. Riggins, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- 601—Mrs. William Winslow Flowe, Concord, N. C.
- 602—Mrs. Monroe McClurg, (Associate) Greenwood, Miss.
- 603—Miss Jenn Winslow Coltrane, Concord, N. C.
- 604—Mrs. Charles M. Parks, Tarboro, N. C.
- 605—Mrs. Clara E. Jones, Goldsboro, N. C.
- 606—Mrs. Annie Davis Martin, Asheville, N. C.
- 607—Mrs. William Haskell Porcher, Charlotte, N. C.
- 608—Mrs. Robert L. Gibbon, Charlotte, N. C.
- 609—Mrs. Joseph Lenoir Chambers, Charlotte, N. C.
- 610—Mrs. John H. Small, Washington, N. C.
- 611—Mrs. Collins Gillett, (Associate) Tampa, Fla.
- 612—Mrs. James E. Sharpe (Associate) Oklahoma City, Okla.

613—Mrs. Champe Carter McCulloch, Jr., Washington, D. C.

614—Miss Virginia Cumming Taylor, Wilmington, N. C.

615—Mrs. Edward Tennent Taylor, Wilmington, N. C.

616—Miss Margaret Hill Pierce, Warsaw, N. C.

Four members have been transferred—Mrs. John C. Engelhard to Kentucky; Mrs. Charles Henderson, Mrs. William M. Marks and Mrs. William L. Wall to Alabama. There are seven deaths to be reported by the Chairman of the Committee on necrology. One member has resigned, Miss Nanine Amietta Bradley, and three have married, Miss Lucia Byrd Moore to Mr. Roy M. Strickland, Miss Virginia Cumming Taylor to Mr. David Smith Oliver and Mrs. Edward W. Stitt to Mr. E. M. Coleman.

This Society has now five hundred and twenty-four living members, of whom one hundred and eighty-four are Associate.

I have issued four orders for Insignia and nineteen for Recognition Pins.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS LATHAM HARRISS,

*Registrar.*

## Historian's Report

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

In reporting on the work of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames, your Historian feels constrained to begin with a continued subject, not only because of its relative importance, but because we are apt to take it as we do our daily mercies—a matter of course. I refer to the prize essays offered each year to the men at our State University. This year the first prize was won by Mr. S. H. Cooper and his subject is, "Some Colonial History of Beaufort County." The second prize was awarded Mr. S. J. Irwin, Jr., and his title is "The Provincial Agent."

This research work "blesses both him who gives and him who takes"—the men who compete for prizes, and we must not forget that the winners represent only two of the number—not only derive great benefit from their investigations, but receive that patriotic stimulus which follows careful study of our nation's history. It is as true of non-spiritual things as of spiritual things that "we shall know if we follow on to know." And who shall say that history is not religious, for surely God reveals Himself in history as certainly as He does in the briefer narrative of a human life.

And the research work of these students benefits us who read the records of our past for reproof, instructions and encouragement, and the concrete



matter furnishes our High Schools with data for the further prosecution of their study in local history.

The information derived from the Prize Essays will, we hope, be greatly augmented by the work of Mr. McKoy who is searching our records and copying valuable documents to the end that he may preserve them, for they are in a fair way to be completely obliterated by climatic action, or thrown out as trash on the occasion of any clean-up week.

In connection with the educational side of our work, let us consider the results achieved in our Moonlight Schools. This campaign was undertaken in the Fall by the Board of Education, the Junior Order of Mechanics, Sorosis and the Colonial Dames. We contributed a principal and several teachers to the Fall faculty. The public school teachers, without any remuneration whatever, carried on the work for a month. The attendance was excellent and the results seemed to justify a Spring term. Owing to the strain of ordinary school work in the Spring, Mr. Blair would not consent to their attempting this second term and it was carried on by the Sorosis and volunteers. The Board of Education is now handling the problem and considering the establishment of county night schools to be taught by trained teachers. It is recognized that it would be a distinct gain for citizenship to provide for the training of the ignorant adult, and indeed, when the National schools for teaching the adult immigrant now established in

all the large cities reaches us, the school will be a necessity.

It is a gratification to us to be able to report that honor has at last been shown John Lawson, the first Historian of the Colony. A tablet was erected in Wayne County upon which the Society caused to have inscribed our appreciation of this intrepid pioneer and surveyor who gave up even life itself in the wilds of our colony for the promotion of those things which he felt were more important than his individual existence. We honor the memory of this brave man, this Scotch adventure, and we do well, but we are reminded that in the larger history of our times brave men are dying by the thousands—dying for an idea, for an ideal. We should be profoundly grateful that in a material age which has so often been called decadent we can reckon men by the millions who count not their lives precious but yield them up cheerfully that their native land may be free, and that to their posterity the fruits of peace may be secured forever.

But it is not admiration alone that has made us undertake relief work for the great war sufferers, we have been led as have all other organizations, by the Red Cross appeal for help. The need is manifest on every hand and even our contributions of two thousand or more articles, including dressings, bandages and drains is a mere handful in view of the great demand.

Mindful of the oft-repeated warning that when there are so many conflagrations, a spark might

very easily find its way into our own land, we have started a movement which may become identified with the Special Service League which pledges our services in the event of war between this country and an enemy. Those who are not instructed in this matter may be interested to know that since last July the American National Red Cross Society has withheld half its output for possible home use.

Last in point of time so far as my record goes, but almost first in interest to us all, is our plan for the publication of the "Janet Schaw Diary" known in the British Museum as the "Journal of a Lady of Quality." For some time our President, Mrs. Waddell, has been in correspondence with Mr. Rutherford, of London, who owns the original diary of this most interesting Scotch lady who lived and flourished when Wilmington was as yet small in numbers and regulated its affairs by the bells of the neighboring plantations.

We have been wondering if the present owner of the diary has succumbed to the horrors of war as nothing has been heard from him for months, but our interest in the "Janet Schaw Diary" has been revived by Professor and Mrs. Andrews, who came to Wilmington to obtain information on historical lines. Professor Andrews, of Yale College, gave the Colonial Dames a most delightful and instructive talk on local history. We shall not soon forget his plea for a broader view point in local narrative. He showed conclusively that the history of a people is inseparably bound up with its commercial relations.



“You will never quite understand the significance of your own local colonial history” said he, “until you are familiar with the commerce which you then maintained with the West Indies and Great Britain. You will never realize your relation to the country at large until you fill in the narrative with your relations to the colonies to the North and South of you. You will never get a conception of the larger world history of which you are an integral part, until you get the view-point of your friend and enemy, the Tory, the sturdy Scotch Loyalist, who lived and fought and bled and died for principles as dear to him as yours are to you. What is true of this Cape Fear section is true of all. We must realize that no local history can be a true record isolated from its national environment.”

Quite on a line with this thought, Mrs. Andrews asked our aid in bringing to the public the human document of Janet Schaw's experiences. If we cannot obtain the original, we can publish a copy of it as found in the British Museum by Mrs. Andrews. We cannot only make this contribution to North Carolina's scant history—we can do more. We can, in so doing, comply in a large measure with Professor Andrew's plea. For Janet Schaw has given us a description of life in the Barbadoes where she spent some time on her way from Scotland to her brother's plantation on the Cape Fear river. Her description is vivid and it belongs to the nation at large. She gives quantities of details relating to shipping and to trade. She gives us bits of historical data as well. Conversations



with prominent men on ship-board and the casual passing on the high seas of governors and other dignitaries crossing to the colonies or going back home. Arrived at last in Wilmington there is almost nothing in the country round about that escaped her watchful eye. The imports and exports, packing and transportation of local products, slave labor and slave owners are all reported by her careful pen. Indeed, it seems we would be recreant to our manifest duty if we failed to give to the public this unique document.

We have promised Mrs. Andrews the necessary financial backing to undertake the publishing of the diary and with this matter definitely settled, we feel that we are content to bring the year's chronicles to a close.

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN DALZIEL WOOD,

*Historian.*

## Report of Chairman of Committee on Memorials

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

When the Society of the Colonial Dames of North Carolina holds its annual meeting to arrange its affairs for the coming year and to give evidence of all the happenings of the year just passed, it is with deep sorrow as Chairman of the Committee on Memorials, I am called to speak of those who have departed from our midst to enter the Eternal City. This year the toll was greater than usual and it touches deeply the heart's core of this Society. There are some out-of-town members, perhaps, with whom the ladies of Wilmington have very little personal acquaintance, but all of the members of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America feel so close to each other and the tie of fellowship is so strong, that, for those who have gone out of our lives, we bow in sorrow and regret, and tenderly sympathize with the stricken hearts in their own homes.

It is most unusual for a society to suffer the loss of a President, an Honorary Vice-President, an Honorary President and of the Mount Vernon Vice-Regent in the course of a year, but thus it has been with the North Carolina Colonial Dames of America in the year just ended, and so today a cloud of sadness rests on this meeting.

Certainly, today, we miss the sunny presence of our beloved President, Mrs. Annie Bailey. Our

hearts are overcharged with tender emotion when we recall her bright sparkling manner and her charming courtesy which endeared her to all who came under the spell of her presence. Unconsciously she let her "good works shine before men" when she helped God's suffering people across the seas upon whom the awful calamities of war had fallen, and her pity for them, her sympathy for the helpless women and children spurred on the work of relief and made ready and willing helpers of the members of this Society. There are many who have known her only in her faithful work and enthusiastic interest in the Society and have appreciated how graciously she filled the office, but there are a few who have known her since girlhood and love now to think of her as sweet, sunny hearted "Annie Empie." They have watched her grow into woman, wife and motherhood, and then when home cares grew lighter, have seen her step across the threshold of that home to become interested in outside duties, and finally, into the position of our much loved, honored and now lamented President.

"A little while" and again we were called to suffer another great loss, for Mrs. James Sprunt finished her earthly pilgrimage and entered rest eternal. For eight years she was President of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America, and later Honorary President. Our hearts were wrung with sorrow, for had we not all admired her splendid achievements in the Society, her constant thought and work for its best interests



and her ambition to have the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames take the place in the world which she felt was its due. How often we have enjoyed her wonderful hospitality, being made to feel that we were granting her a favor rather than having it bestowed upon us. Ever courteous and gracious, going smoothly along in her splendid works, hurting no one by words hastily spoken or unkind deed. We planned perhaps better than we knew when we requested her to fill the office of President, as all of her good work proved through the years of active service. One part of the work of the Society was ever very close to her heart and the love and care she has bestowed on old St. Philips has made others realize what a grand old historical spot is the ground occupied by the church and its graveyard. With a heart full of sympathy, no doubt, she has stood many a time by those ancient graves and thought of the tears shed as the dear ones were laid away many years ago, and of the beautiful services held in those old church walls in which the same people "at rest" now for more than a century, participated, praying from the depths of their hearts and singing the old time hymns as "How firm a foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord is laid for your faith in His Excellent Word" until the very woods around echoed with those prayers and melodies and floating on gentle breezes to the great white throne in the presence of our Father in Heaven. Her own faith in "His Excellent Word" carried her through much suffering and great weariness of spirit, but she never



yielded to bodily suffering to the exclusion of constant thought of others; nor did her interest in this Society ever wane. Perhaps one of the last times she ever used a pen was to sign, with satisfaction to herself, an application blank for a new member.

Ladies, we have had splendid presidents from the organization of this Society, urging us on to good works, and it will be a fitting memorial to continue the spirit that they inspired and to feel encouraged to expand our work for the benefit of future generations.

Other members we have lost from our ranks this past year and for whom we express our deepest regret, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Gale, Mrs. J. S. Carr, Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Horsfield, all of them out-of-town members. Mrs. Andrews was North Carolina's Vice Regent of the Mount Vernon Society and until the last few years frequently attended the annual meeting and the pilgrimage to old St. Philips. Always ready to enter into the work of the Society, her presenee has been greatly missed.

There remains to be mentioned on my roll one other, Mrs. John W. Atkinson for many years Honorary Vice-President of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America, one of its charter members and the eldest member of the Society at the time of her death. For a number of years she was on the Board of Managers and attended the meetings faithfully, but ill health came on and she grew too feeble to do any active work, so that for many years she has only been identified

with the Society through her office. Those who have been with the Society from the beginning remember with tenderness Mrs. Atkinson's gentleness and sweet courtesy, a perfect type of the Society she represented. Had she ever worn a colonial costume you would have seen a perfect picture of a colonial dame. All the Society loved her and no better tribute can I pay to her memory.

Tho' greatly saddened at this meeting by the thoughts of so many who have gone from our midst, yet we joy in the belief that the names we miss from our record have been transferred in letters of gold, to the fair pages of Heaven's Recording Ledger, and "we give Thee hearty thanks, O Lord, for the good examples of all these Thy servants, who have finished their course in faith and do now rest from their labors."

JANE IREDELL MEARES WILLIAMS,

*Chairman Committee on Memorials.*

## Report State Chairman County Committees

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

As State Chairman of County Committees of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames, I am glad to make the following report:

There are now nine County Committees of this Society; Mecklenburg, Wayne, Forsyth, Vance, Cumberland, Buncombe, Washington, Town, Lenoir and Edgecombe. This last named was formed this year, with Mrs. John Weddell as Chairman. Your Chairman was unsuccessful in an effort to form a Committee for Cabarrus County. Mecklenburg and Forsyth have sent reports regularly each month, the other Committees sent theirs after called meetings. Letters were written and sent to Mecklenburg, Vance, Wake and Wayne asking these Committees to form Chapters of the "National Aid Society" believing that at this time there is a need of a nation-wide organization of women engaged in stimulating a spirit of patriotism, in protecting American liberty and unity and in making the nation thoroughly prepared for war if war cannot be averted.

The Board through the Chairman regretted not being able to accept the very cordial invitation of Mecklenburg County Committee to attend their April meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET IREDELL MEARES LATIMER,  
*State Chairman County Committees.*



## Report of Vance County Committee

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*Madam President and Members of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America:*

The Vance County Committee meetings have not been held regularly for various good reasons. The reports of the meetings of the Board have been appreciated and enjoyed by the Dames.

The death of Mrs. Bailey, our President, and of Mrs. James Sprunt, our ex-President, was heard with much sorrow by all.

The last meeting of the Dames was held at old Williamsboro, near here. It is a place of much historic interest. Montpelier, the home of Colonial Judge John Williams, was visited and in the old graveyard his grave is unmarked. Shall the Dames allow this noted Judge and Statesman to be forgotten? But shall we not rather mark his resting place that future generations may learn of his services to the Colony and State? Judge Williams with Judge Henderson conducted the first law school in the State at Williamsboro. Nearby lies Chief Justice Leonard Henderson. He, to, has no stone to mark his grave. In St. John's church yard lies Bishop John Stark Ravencroft, first Bishop of the Episcopal church in North Carolina. This church is one of the oldest in the State.

After visiting many more historic places in this old village and vicinity, we spread our lunch on the steps of the church and while we refreshed the



inner man, listened to many traditions of this ancient place.

Many of the noted old colonial homes are crumbling to dust, and soon if not preserved by the Dames, much valuable history will be lost forever.

Respectfully submitted,

SALLIE MITCHELL COOPER,  
*Chairman Vance County Committee.*

## Report of Forsythe County Committee

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

Our Committee is as enthusiastic and full of earnest interest in our part of the work that tends to form a great whole, as ever.

The regularity of our meetings and attendance was somewhat marred by the illness and absence from town of some of our members.

We have secured copies of samplers and sent them to the Massachusetts Society, added some what to our research work, received and read with interest monthly reports of Board meetings of the Society and endeavored to acknowledge all other literature received.

Our hearts were deeply grieved over the death of our lovely and beloved President, Mrs E. P. Bailey, and again at the passing of Mrs. James Sprunt.

Our dues were all paid promptly and receipts for same received.

We hope to add several Dames to our number next year and go on with the work with new strong interest and achievement.

Respectfully submitted,  
DELPHINE E. H. HAIRSTON,  
*Chairman Forsythe County Committee.*

## Report of Mecklenburg County Committee

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*To the Colonial Dames of North Carolina in Annual Meeting Assembled—Greetings:*

As Chairman of the Mecklenburg County Committee of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames, I have the honor to present its report for the year just passed.

Our energies have been held in leash pending the time when we shall be able to place a marker upon the spot where the first court in this county was held. All preliminary study and work have been done and we are awaiting our turn on the appropriation list.

We have had our monthly meetings regularly, except the one scheduled for April. It had been our earnest desire to have as honored guests at that time, several, if not all of the members of the Board. When we found that this was not possible this year, we decided to postpone this meeting until May, at which time we shall hear reports from both the annual meeting in Wilmington and the Biennial in Washington. The Chairman (having been appointed delegate from this Council) and Mrs. John M. Scott, her alternate, hope to bring back with them some of the fires of enthusiasm which so often are kindled when these Councils are held, and which it is hoped may throw a glow over the coming year's work of Mecklenburg Committee.

At our February meeting, upon motion, this Committee unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed Mrs. John VanLandingham for Vice-Regent to fill the vacancy on the Board of the Mount Vernon Association of the Union created by the death of Mrs. A. B. Andrews. A committee was elected which will have charge of the interests of our candidate and it is hoped that she may have this honor conferred on her, even tho' her name will be presented without the signatures of many who are her warmest personal friends and admirers but whose endorsements were pledged to others desiring this appointment before her name was brought out.

Our election for the next year is always a part of the order of our March meeting. Our Chairman declined re-election, having served two years. The result of the balloting was as follows: Mrs. John VanLandingham, Chairman; Miss Julia Robertson, Secretary.

One member, Mrs. Porcher, has been added to this Committee this year. Several names are to be presented soon.

Before bringing this report to a close, we would reverently and lovingly pay our tribute to the memory of those who have been taken from us since our last annual meeting. First, our beloved President, Mrs. Bailey, all gentleness and sympathy, whose place in our hearts none can fill. Then Mrs. Sprunt, for many years our President, "guide, philosopher and friend," by whose energy, ability and generosity local history has been enriched; to whom the Colonial Dames owe the



Lineage Book, a valuable acquisition to our Society's records. She brought to all she undertook, a singleness of purpose and a conscientious sense of duty, which we love to accept as the embodiment of our ideal Colonial Dame "with heart of gold, and courage bold, and her tongue as sweet as her thoughts should be."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. RALPH VanLANDINGHAM,

*Chairman Mecklenburg County Committee.*

Charlotte, N. C.

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## LIST OF ARTICLES IN THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY IN CHARLOTTE.

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Pictures of Cornwallis' Headquarters, 1780.

Picture of First Court House on Independence Square, where was read Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Picture of Charlotte, a Souvenir Centennial, 1875.

Picture of cabin near Waxhaw (site now in Union, then in Mecklenburg County) where Andrew Jackson, seventh President of the United States, was born.

Picture of cabin near Pineville, Mecklenburg County, where James Knox Polk, eleventh President of the United States, was born.

Picture of Charlotte, Princess of Mecklenburg, wife of George III, for whom our city was named.

Many later articles and U. D. C. contributions.

A whole book case of books and papers not yet put on exhibition.

Autograph letter of President Buchanan to R. P. Plenniken, 1851.

Agreement to subscribe to a Male and Female Academy in Charlotte, 1824.

Old papers, York Town, Va., October 3rd, 1786.

Invitation to Independence Celebration in Salisbury, July, 1816.

Paper money of Virginia, dated May, 1772.

Permission for marriage, David Crawford to his daughter, Mary and Reubin Riggs, February, 1769.

Signature of Governor Alexander Martin's to grant of land to James Rutledge, November 1st, 1784.

Deed from Jesse Lester to Alexander Worke, signed by Andrew Jackson, May 9th, 1829.

The North Carolina Journal, Halifax, Monday, December 2nd, 1709.

Raleigh Register, Monday, March 19th, 1804.

Virginia Argus, Richmond, December 30th, 1796.

Home-made Arithmetic of Archibald Woodside, School Master, 1750.

Gesta Rhomanorum, 1499. Given by Rev. A. D. Miller, D. D.

Signature of David Reese (signer of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence), April 2nd, 1778.

Autographs of Zaccheus Wilson (signor of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence), February 17th, 1796.

Picture of Richard Dobbs Speight.

Pistols of Gen. William Lee Davidson, February 1st, 1781.

Old Diary, Mecklenburg County, February, 1819.

Part of the poems of Philo Henderson.

Old scales.

South Carolina paper money, dated June 1st, 1775. Five pounds.

North Carolina currency, 1775. Ten dollars.

The Minerva, Raleigh, August 10th, 1809.

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## Report of Lenoir County Committee

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*Madam President and Members of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America:*

I have the honor of presenting to you the Annual Report of the Lenoir County Committee for the past year.

The Committee has held most interesting meetings at the homes of the members, each business meeting having been followed by a delightful social hour.

The monthly reports from the Board are eagerly looked for and read with much interest and pleasure.

We have read with great pleasure, the "National Society of the Colonial Dames of America" and feel that we have acquired much valuable information.



Our saddest duty for the year was the memorial to Mrs. Annie Empie Bailey, our beloved President. By her charming and gracious manner she had endeared herself to the Lenoir County Committee at the unveiling of the tablet at Tower Hill. Her bright and happy face still lingers with us as a benediction.

The annual election occurred in March with the following officers elected: Mrs. W. L. Hines, Chairman; Mrs. J. F. Taylor, Secretary.

The Lenoir County Committee wishes to express its thanks and appreciation for the invitation to attend the Annual Board meeting and Pilgrimage; also to thank the officers and Board for the many courtesies extended them.

Respectfully submitted,

FANNIE M. TAYLOR,

*Secretary Lenoir County Committee.*

May 10th, 1916.

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## Report of Wake County Committee

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The Wake County Committee of the Colonial Dames was re-organized for specific work by the efforts of several of the enthusiastic Dames, notably Mrs. Wm. J. Andrews and Miss Mary Hilliard Hinton, and others, and a meeting of reorganization was held at the residence of Mrs. Paul Lee on February 23rd, this being the nearest we could make it to the great anniversary of the birthday of the greatest of our Colonials. It was decided



at this meeting to have regular meetings hereafter and much enthusiasm is being manifested in the re-organization of this Committee.

Two subsequent meetings have been held, and Mrs. Franklin McNeill having been elected Chairman of the Wake County Committee, and Mrs. J. R. Chamberlain having been continued in her office of Secretary, much routine and left-over business was dispatched, and then an enthusiastic vote was taken to ask of the Council the privilege of writing a history of Wake County—this to be undertaken at once.

In sending Mrs. McNeill to Wilmington to attend the Annual meeting and act along with Mrs. Henry London, as delegate to that meeting and the pilgrimage to old St. Philip's Church, we feel that we are most charmingly and adequately represented.

The Colonial Dames of Wake County have made this report and this request for permission to undertake this important historic work and will leave all details entirely to the discretion of the delegates hereby authorized to act for us in the Annual meeting.

With greetings and heartfelt sympathy for our co-workers and with respectful recognition of our superiors in the Council, we are

The Wake County Committee of the Colonial Dames.

MRS. J. R. CHAMBERLAIN,

*Secretary Wake County Committee.*

May 8th, 1916.

## Report of Biennial Council, 1916

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The Thirteenth Biennial Council of the Colonial Dames of America was convened at the Shoreham Hotel, Wednesday morning at 10:30, May 3rd, 1916. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Lamar, so recently bereaved by the loss of her husband, Chief Justice Lamar, Mrs. Elihu Chauncey, First Vice-President, presided.

After reciting in unison, the Lord's Prayer, the Salute to the Flag was read, all standing.

Miss Miller, Chairman on Credentials, reported that there were in attendance 217 Dames, quite the largest Council ever held. There was a conspicuous lack of the confusion usually attendant upon similar occasions, bearing eloquent testimony to the perfection of arrangements made for the comfort and convenience of the delegates, some of whom had come from the far corners of the country that they might receive inspiration and council as well as contribute their testimony to the valuable work done by the Colonial Dames.

The program for the first session included the roll call, quite an item under the circumstances, the reading of Article II of the Constitution, the reports of the Committees, the appointment of a Business Committee and a Committee on Nominations. Many of the reports showed a wonderful thoroughness of preparation and system and will be valuable to study when published in pamphlet form a little later. Especially was this true of the

report of the Historian, a most exhaustive paper which covered the work of each State Society for the two years since the last Council. Through an unfortunate oversight the report from North Carolina, was not at first included, having evidently been lost, strayed or stolen. Another was hurriedly prepared and was read after lunch when the session was resumed and the Historian finished her report.

All these reports contained references to war relief work and Red Cross work, as well as work among the mountaineers and the general relief of illiteracy. There was, of course, the historical work, the erection of markers, preservation of valuable relics, papers, etc. It was interesting to hear of Kentucky's innovation along the line of educational work. This State instituted an "Illiteracy Week," devoting the entire time to presenting the subject in every telling way, through the mediums of lectures, moving pictures and sermons. Another State instituted a series of lectures and addresses to aliens on such subjects as "Our Flag," etc., serving refreshments and impressing upon the foreign element in every way, the desirability of citizenship.

The Treasurer reported balance May 1, 1916, \$18,576.93.

The Registrar reported as follows:

Members .....	5,230
Associate Members .....	2,898
Resignations .....	57



Transferred to -----	22
Transferred from -----	8
Dropped -----	7
Deaths -----	186

Thursday morning was begun with the usual routine. Minutes of the previous day were read and accepted. Reports were presented. All Dames stood while that of the Committee on Necrology (Mrs. Joseph I. Waring, of South Carolina, Chairman) was read. It was a matter of comment that of those in North Carolina who had been taken from us, four were or had been Presidents of the State Society—Mrs. Meares, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Sprunt and Mrs. Bailey.

Mrs. Wm. Bedloe Beekman, of New York, Chairman of Committee on Historical Research, gave a wonderful report of the work done by the Dames. As Mrs. Beekman is very frail she asked to be allowed to sit while she presented it. There were many most interesting things recorded, but the one most interesting seemed to be the story of the Dame in Wyoming who went out to look for history. Accompanied only by a guide, she searched for old trails, ruins of old forts, or any other land marks of historical value. When she finally discovered a stone which was about all that remained of an old fort, she set it up, and when a curious crowd began to gather about her, watching her unusual behavior, she proceeded to have an unveiling, delivering the address herself. Locating old trails forms a large part of the work possible for the Dames out west.



At the conclusion of Mrs. Beekman's wonderful report, New Jersey suggested that the entire Council read again the Salute to the Flag, which was done.

Another report of exceptional interest was that of Mrs. Wm. Ruffin Cox, of the Executive Committee, on the Washington Portrait for Sulgrave Manor, England. Sulgrave Manor, the ancestral home in England of the Washingtons, has been purchased by some gentlemen for the sum of \$40,000.00. The place is in need of repairs, \$27,000.00 being estimated as necessary to properly restore it. It was suggested that this would be a fitting undertaking for the Society of Colonial Dames and was brought for their consideration. So far \$1,000.00 has been spent by them for this work.

To commemorate the hundred years of peace which has passed between these two English speaking countries, it was decided to place in Sulgrave Manor, a painting of George Washington, the gift of the Colonial Dames and \$1,187.50 was voluntarily subscribed, of which \$757.60 was spent in having a copy made of the portrait which hangs in Washington and Lee University and which was the work of Peale. Unhappily, before this gift could be presented, this most cruel war was brought about, so the portrait has been given into the care and keeping of the Mt. Vernon Association of the Union, who have placed it in Mt. Vernon, where it will remain, surrounded by the memories of by-gone days, when he, of whom this is but a shadow,

filled the place with his towering personality and left to posterity a heritage of nobility of mind and purpose among the most cherished possessions of the nation.

Friday morning the third and last session of Council opened promptly at 10 o'clock. After reciting the Lord's Prayer and having roll call and minutes, the announcements of the Standing Committees and Special Committees were made. It is desired to so clearly define the work of each committee that in the future there will be no overlapping. It was announced that all work done must be reported not later than April first, else it cannot be included in the final reports of the Chairmen at the Council.

The Committee on publication asked the pleasure of the Council as to what should be the subject of the next pamphlet or book to be published? After spirited discussion this was left to the discretion of the Committee. The amount spent by this Committee during the past two years was \$1,430.00, which the Council considered was most judiciously expended.

The Nominating Committee presented the following names for consideration of the Council and these were duly elected:

Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar, President.

Mrs. Nanthaniel Terry Bacon, 1st Vice-President.

Mrs. Albert L. Sioussat, 2nd Vice-President.

Mrs. Overton Lea, 3rd Vice-President.

Mrs. Charles R. Miller, Secretary.

Mrs. John Y. Taylor, Assistant Secretary.

Mrs. A. J. Cassatt, Treasurer.

Mrs. F. B. Dexter, Registrar.

Miss Cornelia Bartow Miller, Historian.

The office of Honorary President is for life and does not come within the province of the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Elihu Chancey, having completed the term of office prescribed by the By-Laws was no longer eligible as Vice-President.

The business of this Council having been expedited so successfully, it was decided that another session was unnecessary, and the deliberations were brought to a close Friday, May 5th, thus terminating the most successful meeting ever held by the Colonial Dames.

It is quite impossible to present this report without also including a mention of the many beautiful courtesies shown the visiting Dames in general, and the North Carolina delegation in particular. We felt justly proud of our brilliant State President, Mrs. Waddell, who was the recipient of special honors. Wednesday afternoon from five to seven, Mrs. Daniels, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, gave a tea in honor of the North Carolina Dames. Those receiving with Mrs. Daniels were Mrs. Waddell, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. VanLandingham, Miss Arrington and Miss McQueen. Several hundred callers came to meet the guests of honor, among them Mrs. Burleson and Mrs. Lansing.

Upon the presentation by the Washington Committee of North Carolina Dames of a rare portrait Mary Ball, mother of George Washington, Mrs.



Waddell was invited to make the presentation address, and did so with rare charm, tact and wit. The copy is a faithful study and work of merit by Mrs. Gilmer Brenizer, a North Carolina Dame, and will hang on the walls of the Club of Colonial Dames in Washington,

Mrs. Gilmer Brenizer was hostess at an afternoon tea given Thursday in honor of Mrs. Waddell and the delegates from North Carolina. This was a charming courtesy which was gratefully appreciated by the Dames so honored, as it gave them an opportunity to meet the many new friends made at this Council.

Besides these special courtesies there were others for the whole Council. Perhaps the one most eagerly anticipated, being the invitation to the White House, where the entire delegation was received by Mrs. Wilson, the new first lady of our land.

Dr. Chas. D. Walcott, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, extended an invitation to view the collection of historical costumes which has been put in the Institution.

Mrs. A. W. Greeley entertained at a tea in honor of the visiting Dames, as did a number of other ladies. It was to be regretted that neither time nor strength permitted all Dames to accept all the invitations.

Perhaps it is not out of order to refer in closing, to the beautiful weather which it was our good fortune to have during the week; nor to express



enthusiastic appreciation of the superlative beauty of our National Capitol, now especially lovely in its setting of brilliant spring flowers and wonderful trees.

Respectfully submitted,  
S. H. VanLANDINGHAM,  
*Chairman Mecklenburg County Committee.*

### **Report of Custodian of the Register**

#### *The North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames:*

As Custodian of the Register of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames, and Treasurer of that fund, I make the following report:

Balance on hand April 1st, 1915	\$ 42.74
Sale of three Registers	6.00
Interest from June, 1915 to March, 1916	1.72

Balance on hand May 8th, 1916	\$ 50.46
Volumns on hand May, 1915	47
Volumns received from Mr. Sprunt March 10th, 1916	65
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Volumns sold from May, 1915 to May, 1916	6
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Volumns on hand May, 1916	106
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MRS. H. C. PRINCE,  
*Costodian.*

## Report on Moonlight Schools

*Madam President and Ladies:*

Our Society heartily co-operated with the other organizations in promoting the work of the moonlight schools. One of our members, Mrs. Creasy, has been particularly active and successful in this work and has given freely of herself and time, being principal of the moonlight school at Delgado. She secured her own teachers and carried the work of that school through with great success. She served on the Executive Committee. This Committee, with Mr. Catlett as Chairman and Mrs. M. J. Dauer, who is Chairman of adult illiteracy of the North Carolina Federation of Womens' Clubs, as enthusiastic and able right hand man, was composed of Mrs. Creasy, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Gregg, of the Sorosis, Miss Nellie Cook, Mr. Little, Mr. Shaw, Mr. F. A. Lord, from the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and your representative. A wonderful work was accomplished by the Junior Order led by Mr. Lord, who is a live wire highly charged with energy and enthusiasm. I would take pleasure, if time permitted, in going into detail to show how much they have done toward wiping out adult illiteracy and how thoughtful and kind was their attitude toward the ladies assisting with the work.

Other of our members who have given their service in this work have been Miss Elise Kidder, volunteering for the two school terms and promoting success in other ways, Mrs. Ashley Curtis

volunteering for two terms and Miss Luciana Poisson and Miss Eliza Meares each giving themselves for a term.

Through the influence of various members, several competent teachers were induced to volunteer. Others contributed books of words of one syllable.

The Society's representative kept in touch with Mrs. Dauer as the work progressed, anxious to help in any way possible. The results of the work were highly gratifying. What has impressed the outsiders as really remarkable is that it was all done with practically no expense. The Junior Order furnished the pads and pencils and car fares for teachers, the State donated the books, the Board of Education lent the schools and gave the light. This generous co-operation has gained for New Hanover County the reputation of having the model moonlight schools.

The success of the movement was considered justification for sending a petition to the Board of Education asking that the work be incorporated into the regular educational system as night schools with paid teachers and longer terms. This petition was signed by members of the Executive Committee in behalf of the organizations represented by each. Mrs. Dauer reports that there is every reason to believe that this petition will be granted.

I would like to ask the continued interest of the Society as a whole in this work of wiping from our State this stain of wide spread adult illiteracy.

Respectfully submitted,

CARY DAVIS MacRAE.



## Report of Chairman on War Relief Work

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*Madam President and Ladies of the North Carolina Society Colonial Dames of America:*

Shortly after the last annual meeting, a large box was shipped to the Vacation War Relief Committee in New York for distribution in the war zone. Express charges of one dollar were paid. This box contained the one thousand, three hundred and fifteen articles reported on hand at the annual meeting. Mrs. Bailey, the President, instructed the Chairman of Relief Committee to publish in the daily papers an appeal for helpers to assist in continuing the work through the summer. Many responded to the appeal and the meetings were held with regularity during the months of June and July. By August another large box of dressings, bandages, etc., was ready and was shipped to the same Committee. After this, on account of the extreme heat and the absence of many members from the city, work was discontinued until fall. At the November meeting of the Board, upon the motion of Mrs. W. N. Harris (which was duly seconded), it was decided to resume the relief work as a memorial to our late beloved President, Mrs. Bailey, who was always so deeply interested in the sad tales of misery and suffering which came from the war zone. As heretofore, the Assembly Rooms were opened on Wednesday of each week, since when the work has been continuously carried on excepting only the Christmas recess.



The following is a list of articles sent August 18th, 1915, to New York for distribution:

- 109 flannelette bands.
- 93 absorbent cotton dressings.
- 64 bandages.
- 13 pillows.
- 14 towels.
- 6 pillow cases.
- 6 night shirts.
- 3 sheets.
- 1 rubber bandage.
- 1 box antiseptic gauze.
- 1 box packing.
- 24 napkins.
- 1 piece flannel.
- 8 tray cloths.
- 370 flat compresses.

The box shipped April 1st, 1916, contained compresses, tampons, miches, rests, cases, fracture pillows, one dozen men's shirts. In all, six hundred and twenty articles.

A box shipped in March, 1916, to the American Commission for Relief of Babies in Belgium contained a dozen sewing bags equipped with thimbles, scissors, safety pins, (3 sizes) buttons, needles, hooks and eyes—also:

- 1 piece of outing flannel.
- 1 piece of gingham.
- 1 piece of long cloth.
- 1 baby flannel wrapper.

4 petticoats.

3 slips.

2 old table cloths.

The express charges have been paid by the Society on all shipments.

Twenty-five dollars was sent to the American Ambulance Hospital Fund in Paris.

A few articles remaining from our liberal contribution of last year to the Red Cross Society, have been sent to the President of the local Red Cross.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZA BELLAMY WILLIAMSON,

*Chairman of War Relief Work.*

Report for 1915-1916.

## Report of Librarian

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I beg to submit the following report, which is necessarily brief. After an inventory of the books in the Assembly Rooms, I find only the following volumns:

The Correspondence of William Shirley. Vol. 1-11.  
The Letters of Richard Henry Lee.

History of New Hanover County. By Alfred Moore Waddell.

Some Memories of My Life. By Alfred Moore Waddell.

In Ancient Albemarle. By Catherine Albertson.

In addition to the above named books there are many magazines, including numerous copies of the North Carolina Booklet.

The President requests that any member of the Society taking a book will please record her name, the title of the book and the dates when taken and returned in a register left for that purpose.

As this is but a small nucleus of a library, any historic literature contributed will be gratefully received by the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

ELISE YEAMANS KIDDER.

*Librarian N. C. S. C. D. A.*

May 11th, 1916.

## Mrs. Moffett on North Carolina Booklet

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I thank you ladies for your kindly greeting, and am delighted to meet all again. I come to find the North Carolina Dames as vigorous as when I last met with you and as intent on your great patriotic work.

Reference having just been made by one of the ladies to the value of the North Carolina Booklet, brought back to my mind the origin and foundation of this publication. The portrait of the distinguished William Hooper, hanging on your walls before us, brought back most clearly to me the zealous work of his great grand daughter, Mrs. Spier Whitaker, in connection with the early days of this publication. It was she who conceived the idea memorializing the heroism of the Ladies of the Edenton Tea Party, so this was taken up under the auspices of the North Carolina Society of the Daughters of the Revolution, of which Mrs. Whitaker was the first Regent and Founder.

The Booklet has devoted considerable space to colonial history, adding greatly to its popularity. The Booklet owes its name to Miss Martha Haywood. Its first issue was May, 1901, Mrs. Hubert Haywood and Miss Martha Haywood for two years assuming the control. Since that time Miss Mary Hilliard Hinton and I have continued the work.



## Report of Committee on Relics

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Upon the receipt of the letter from Mrs. Marcus Benjamin asking for Colonial Relics to be placed in the National Museum, letters were sent to twenty-two Dames, representing practically every section of our State, asking if they, with the assistance of members of the Society residing in their town would cover each her county and collect for this purpose. From seven no answer was received, five replied that they would be unable for good sufficient reasons to do the work, from ten most cordial acceptance were received, but alas, only four of that number reported any success and asked for shipping directions. They were:

Mrs. H. T. Bryan, Tarboro.

Mrs. N. A. McLean, Lumberton.

Mrs. Jno. Gilmer, Greensboro.

Mrs. Jno. Gible, Burlington.

The latter, I fear, was prevented by illness from shipping her collection, but in the little time I had to give to the Museum I saw articles sent by the other Chairmen.

I must express my sincere thanks to these ladies for their unselfish efforts in this work, and my hearty appreciation of their earnest co-operation.

## Presentation of Portrait by Mrs. A. M. Waddell

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To the Club of Colonial Dames, at 901 Sixteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., on the morning of May 5th, 1916, was presented the portrait of Mary Ball Washington by the Committee of Dames of the North Carolina Society residing in Washington. Many members of the Club gathered for the occasion and as honored guests there were present, Mrs. A. M. Waddell, President of the North Carolina Society, Mrs. Ralph VanLandingham, Mrs. J. Walter Williamson, Miss Mary H. Hinton, Miss Sue McQueen, Miss Mary Arrington, Mrs. John Scott and Miss E. F. Parham, delegates to the National Biennial Council there in session at the Shoreham Hotel. Mrs. Waddell presented the portrait for the Committee and Mrs. Samuel Spencer, President of the Club, accepted it in a most gracious manner with a few brief but well chosen words. The explanatory inscription which will hang near the portrait was read by Mrs. Gilmer Brenizer. The well executed copy is the words of Mrs. Brenizer who is a talented and gifted artist.

After the exercises the guests were ushered into the dining room where a delicious luncheon was served. It was a most pleasant occasion and one greatly enjoyed by those present. The following are Mrs. Waddell's remarks and the inscription for the portrait:

## PRESENTATION.

*Madam President and Ladies:*

Once upon a time, so reads the ancient tale, a young girl, a stranger from that dim and mysterious region across the seas, was visiting relatives in London. As was the custom in those days, she was taking her daily ride when suddenly a carriage dashed by and from it was precipitated at her very feet, a young man! Alas, there is no complicated plot with which to hold your attention, the happy ending is so evident that he who runs may read. The girl was Mary Ball, the belle of the Northern Neck, Va., the young man was Augustine Washington, also from Virginia, and the marriage took place on March 6th, 1730.

Mary Ball lived in the days when it was not considered proper for the name of a lady to appear in the newspapers and no publicity was given to what she did—or did not—wear. The privacy of family life was respected and there is no way of finding out how many cooks Mary Ball had in a week. Indeed, so meagre and contradictory is the little information to be gathered, that the brevity of my remarks is their sole recommendation. They are along the lines of the speech of a famous author, who having imbibed not wisely, but too well, when called upon by the toastmaster, found difficulty in replying. After repeated appeals, however, he made a strong effort, rose, and uttering these words “And that man’s name was Abraham Lincoln,” sat down.



Ladies, that woman's name was Mary Ball Washington, the mother of our first President.

It is eminently fitting that this Club of Colonial Dames should possess a portrait of a Colonial Dame of such strength of character, plain good sense, prompt decision, one who exacted deference while winning affection.

The portrait is the work of a Dame of North Carolina, and a great honor has been bestowed upon me in giving me the pleasure of presenting it to this Club in the name of the Washington Town Committee of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America.

### MARY BALL WASHINGTON

From an oil painting owned by  
Mr. W. Lanier Washington.

Mary Ball Washington, the mother of George Washington, was the second wife of Augustine Washington. The date of their marriage was March 6th, 1730, and George Washington, born February 22nd, 1732, was the eldest of their six children. Mary Ball Washington died August 25th, 1789, just after the inauguration of her son as first President of the United States.

For many years no portrait of the mother of Washington was known. The picture here reproduced is copied from an oil painting discovered and purchased in 1850 by Dr. Shearasjahub Spooner, a well known art critic of his day and author of a "Dictionary of Painters and Engravers" published in 1853.



Dr. Spooner states that he bought the portrait from a member of the Ball family, who had owned it for years, at Fredericksburg, Virginia, the early home of Mary Ball Washington and where she lived after her husband's death.

At Dr. Spooner's death, the portrait passed to the late Judge Henry P. Townsent, whose wife was a sister-in-law of Dr. Spooner. It hung for many years in their home, 707 Madison Avenue, New York City. From them it was bequeathed to the late Dr. Albert A. Davis of 149, East 63rd Street, from whom it was purchased by the present owner, Mr. W. Lanier Washington.

By an interesting coincidence, therefore, what is now thought to be the only portrait of the mother of General Washington has again returned into the possession of a member of the family. Mr. W. Lanier Washington is the great-great-great-grand-son of Mary Ball Washington and the hereditary representative of George Washington in the Society of the Cincinnati.

The painter of this portrait is unknown. No name appears on the canvas, but that is not unusual, for Gilbert Stuart and other prominent artists of the last century seldom signed their paintings. He was evidently a painter of more than ordinary ability and art critics have pronounced it the work of an able portrait painter, possibly a Frenchman, or one trained in the French school. Many foreign artists came to America during and immediately after the Revolution.

Bryson Burroughs, curator of paintings in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, believes that the portrait was the work of one of these foreign artists and places its date during the latter part of the eighteenth century.

A copy of the portrait similar to this reproduction has been presented by Mr. Washington to the British Committee for the Celebration of Anglo-American Peace and hung in Sulgrave Manor, the ancestral home of the Washington family, which has just been purchased by the committee. Original in the Morris, or Jumel, Mansion Washington Heights, 160th Street.

This copy was presented to the Club of Colonial Dames by the President of the North Carolina Society, Mrs. A. M. Waddell, at the request of the Committee of North Carolina Dames, residing in Washington, D. C., on May fifth, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

# National President's Address

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*Ladies of the Council of the Colonial Dames of America:*

I am at a loss how to begin an address which should have been a welcome to you all, to this, the thirteenth Biennial Council, and the twenty-fifth Anniversary of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America.

But the two years which have passed since we met together here have inured us to the failure of our plans, the disappointment of our hopes; to the mutability of all things human, and to the truth of the great saying of the great Apostle, that "the things which are seen are temporal."

But in a deeper sense I do welcome you to this Council. My thoughts have dwelt long and closely upon this event; I have gone over, with minute care, every step of the business which is to come before you—I know your names, I vividly recall your faces—many of them long familiar to me—as you sit in the time-honoured order of precedence; Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey—all down the list of our forty Societies, each one with its own individuality, a clear personality in my mind.

There are some whom I miss—whose faces we shall see here no more. I will not try to repeat their names. There are some that I could not trust myself to utter were I with you in person, so dear—so close—they were to me.

But surely:

When, in the sessions of sweet, silent thought,  
We summons up remembrance of things past,  
Their eyes will again look into ours;  
Their lives will be our inspiration.



There is much for us to do in the time allotted to this Council. I have submitted many questions to the Executive Committee, which, in their discretion, they will report for your consideration. Your National Committees have to tell you of tasks accomplished and of yet more work to be undertaken. Among the easiest and pleasantest is the duty and privilege of expressing our appreciation of the generosity of our friends.

The gavel which your President Officer has used to call this Council to order is a gift from Mr. R. C. Ballard Thurston, President-General of the Sons of the American Revolution. This very handsome gavel was sent to me immediately after the last Council, and as the date engraved upon its silver plate implies, seems to have been prepared especially for our organization. The inscription reads: "Hatchet of colonial type made from the wood of a wild cherry tree, grown at Wakefield, Virginia, the birth place of George Washington. Compliments of R. C. Ballard Thurston, President-General, May 18th, 1914." The Badge of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution appears in relief on the inscription plate.

I am sure that the Council will move a vote of thanks to the President-General for his most generous and interesting gift. Our thoughts, at this meeting, are turned toward Washington and the birthplace of his English ancestors—probably the birthplace, as well, of our National Shield and the Flag of these United States.

The Council is well supplied with gavels. We received one, two years ago, made of wood from the oak beneath which Wesley preached in the Colony of Georgia. If we do not maintain good order throughout our sessions it will not be for want of admonishing, since we have here symbolized the peaceful appeal of the pulpit and the warning of an implement of warfare!

Your Committee on the Washington portrait sends us a photograph of the picture, in its beautiful frame, and our thanks are due to Miss Comyges and the Vice-Regents of the Mount Vernon Association who have graciously allowed us



to hang our portrait upon the walls of Mount Vernon, Washington's home in America, until the home of his ancestors in England is ready to receive it.

Miss Williams, the President of the Society in Illinois has sent us a copy of a genealogical work which she has prepared and published, entitled: "The Ancestry of Lawrence Williams." As some eighty ancestors of different families are represented by short monographs, the record will be of interest to many outside of the immediate family of Williams—Johnston, with which it deals.

There may be other gifts for our grateful acknowledgment, but these are the ones which have been brought to my notice.

But while I am speaking of gratitude, I cannot deny myself the pleasure of giving this public expression of my personal thanks to the officers of the National Society who have so generously and efficiently come to my assistance during my term of office, and especially in the past few months. Without their aid it would not have been possible for me to have discharged, even in the imperfect manner that I have, the duties of the high office which I hold.

Six years ago, two of your National Vice-Presidents, of whom the writer was one, with much show of self-sacrificing devotion, moved that the term of the Vice-Presidents should be limited to four years. How little did I realize that I was thereby depriving myself and the Society of services that have proved invaluable during the past two years and which we can ill spare in the years to come. The retiring First Vice-President has forbidden me to speak, in detail, of what she has done for me, for the Committees, for the Society, and I will only say that it is hardly possible for your gratitude to outrun her deserts.

In spite of the fact that a few years ago many of our members feared that we would soon exhaust the supply of material for historical and commemorative work, we find it constantly growing on our hands. I am reminded of a conversation I heard about a Society of Survivors of the Civil War, in which it was asserted that the number of Survivors was yearly increasing! By which was meant that their sons

were joining the organization in order to keep it alive. But in our historical work these eloquent, though inarticulate survivors of a past which grows dimmer with the receding years, are rewarding our patient search by constant discoveries; and the lodes and veins which we thought so shallow, are deeping and widening as we explore them.

An evidence of this fact is found in the multiplicity of our standing Committees which deal with this subject. It was not until 1910 that we had an Historian's Report; then, in quick succession, followed the Committee on Historic Research, and the sub-committee on a Reciprocity Bureau; the Committee on Relics Loaned the National Museum; the Publication Committee, and lastly the Committee on the Preservation of Existing Records; and each Council hears a report from some special Committee which has accomplished a particular achievement along these lines.

But this very wealth of material gives rise to repetition. The Historian's report and the report of the Historic Research Committee are already treading too closely upon each other's footsteps, and unless great care is exercised the same may happen with the Committee on Existing Records. It would be well if some clear line of distinction could be found. In the case of the first two, the one seems to me to be suggestion and the other descriptive. The Historic Research Committee points out the road to be traveled, and the Historian reports the triumphant arrival at the journey's end.

And in this connection, I would like to suggest that to each Biennial report of your National Historian, there should be added, after she has delighted our pride and warmed our hearts by the generous and discriminating praise which she lavishes upon us, a brief and succinct list of our assets as an Historical Society; that, under the several heads of those "Objects of the Society," which are read in our hearing at each session, there should be enumerated, not the cherished hopes and plans, but the completed achievements of each Corporation; whether it be a building purchased or restored, a monument or a tablet erected, a book published or a record found and printed. This would not involve any invidious comparisons—you could not run a tape line down the page

and accuse the impartial Historian of having devoted a foot to one Society and only three inches to the other, but it would be a record—a biennial stock taking, to show exactly where we stand as a working organization, and it would be an incentive to each Corporation to further its efforts to be thus mentioned in despatches—to have its name writ large on this Roll of Honour.

I will not consume your time and your patience by dwelling upon the topics which I presented for the consideration of the Executive Committee, except in two instances. I ask especial consideration for the plans which the Executive Committee of the Plymouth Memorial will submit, and I urge a continuation of the policy adopted by many of the Societies of laying aside, each year, a fund for this purpose.

And second, I wish to bespeak your interest in the subject of the restoration of Sulgrave Manor. I have made a report on the subject to the Executive Committee, which they in their discretion, will give you. Mrs. Garrett will report what we have already accomplished and I have placed in the hands of your Presiding Officer the circular letter to the Executive Committee and to the Societies on that subject. These papers and reports contain all, or nearly all the details, and the photographs and plans which Mrs. Garrett collected in 1914, will be displayed in the rear of this room for your inspection.

I said, a moment ago, that I knew the business that would come before this Council; but, as I follow your proceedings from day to day, I shall find myself wondering what, after all, is before you—what will be the outcome of this meeting. Some of the most notable work that we have done has come as a surprise—as a vision suddenly flashed before our eyes. But one thing I do know; that whatever problem confronts you; whatever unexpected wave of emotion may threaten to overwhelm you, you will meet it with wisdom, firmness and moderation. For my task is easier than that of the often described naturalist, who, from a small bone, can reconstruct the skeleton of a prehistoric species; for I, from my intimate and loving knowledge of the National Society, through so



many years of its existence, can foretell what it will do in any emergency that may arise. Being what you are your action is foreordained.

"Shall a fig tree bring forth thistles?"

There is no deeper saying in all the range of psychology:

When builders construct the bridges that span our mighty rivers; or the tall structures that rise, through many stories skyward, they have much to say of the "Margin of Safety," which means that when they have worked out, by mathematical formulae, just how thick must be the beams, just how strong the girders, they add more weight, more thickness, more strength to the material, so that when the unexpected happens, and the strain comes, there will be a margin of safety upon which they can rely.

And such is the source of my confidence in you. I do not fear any test to which you may be subjected. You will meet it as gentlewomen, wisely, calmly, sanely. You will not be swept off your feet, no matter what sudden waves of excitement surge about you, your margin of safety is very great.

And these are days that indeed try us. The nation is stirred to its depth—great questions, tremendous issues press upon us. As individuals we may be called upon to take our part in their solution, and even as a Society devoted to historical study, we may feel that we should declare where we stand. But let us not forget that the work we do is still worth doing; that in the slow moving years it will play its part in the life of our country; and that it is only in our patience that we "possess our souls."

We look with horror on the unspeakable destruction which is going forward across the seas, the unutterable waste of previous things, of treasures of art and time, that can never be replaced. But we should not forget that there are other agencies of destruction than fire and sword—that beautiful and precious things may perish from neglect, as well as by shot and shell; and our tears over all this loss should not blind our eyes to the silent but insidious foe that, in our own peace loving land, may even now be threatening the life of



relics that in days to come will be as dear to us—as closely woven with the history of our country as were the treasures of Louvain or the Cathedral of Rheims, to Belgium and to France. And when we weep for the blood of a people's youngest and best, which flows in an unceasing stream across the battlefields of Europe, shall we forget the youth of our own dear land—whether it be the immigrant newly landed on our shores, or the mountaineer of the Appalachian range, to whom we are striving to teach the history, the traditions, the spirit of our country—that knowing it, they may love it, and loving it they may become its stay and its strength as citizens.

We must read in the lesson of the day how blest we are as people, in this, our own Columbia—this “Happy Land,” where we may still believe that it is better to make than to break—that to give life and to teach and to train it, is nobler than to destroy it; and realize that no sacrifice is too great to preserve and to defend our country, to learn and to teach its history, to maintain its noble standards, to revere its high ideals and to voice by our deeds, our gratitude and praise to the “Power that hath made and preserves us a Nation.”

On motion the report of the President was received by a rising vote.



# Report of the National Historic Research Committee.

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The report of the Committee on Historic Research was read by its Chairman, Mrs. William Bedloe Beekman, of New York, as follows:

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*Madam President and Officers of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America—Ladies:*

For almost two years, since the last Council, the world has been filled with tragedy, and it is not to be wondered at that our minds should have been most interested in the future of history, if one can so call it, than with the past. Certainly it is not surprising that a number of the State Societies have given their time and thought to war relief, and that their work has been to give help to the brave sufferers in prison, hospital, camp or wrecked countryside, rather than to that of recording the deeds of ancestors, however interesting, their courage and patriotism, while they fought their way through this great country of ours and thereby made this present United States of America. There is still time for this latter work, but the former cannot wait, and we give all praise and sympathy to the societies which have postponed their efforts in research to give place for aid to the sufferers in Europe.

What work has been reported in Historic Research has been much helped by the Committee for the preservation of existing records. Not only the Colonial State Societies, but the Associate Societies, have brought to light many records and histories worthy of preservation, with the aid of that Committee, but such search has resulted often in the preserving of books, pictures and buildings as well as written records and in finding and marking trails and historic spots, thereby proving the wisdom of its continuation.

The full list of the work done in Historic Research since the last Council is too long to be given in detail here, and some of it has therefore been put in typewritten form, so

that it can be consulted by all who wish to see it. Much, however, is so new, so enthusiastic and so interesting, that it is hoped an account of it will not prove tiresome if embodied in this report. Among the most active societies are those representing the French Colonies of the United States. The Society in Louisiana should be called the Royal, if one can judge by the list of its collection of relics for exhibition. Papers signed by the Kings of France, Louis XIV, XV, or XVI; more signed by royal Spanish Governors, the first no doubt royal, in spite of his name "O'Reilly," for after all an Irishman would make a noble Spaniard successfully, as he does most things well. These papers are not alone, for they are side by side with portraits of Kings, Joachim Murat, King of Naples; Charles Emanuel, King of Sardinia and Jerusalem, and the Princess Elizabeth of England. The ladies of Louisiana have not been contented with the gathering of royal signatures and other interesting relics, but have also become possessed of the Chalmette plantation, outside New Orleans, on which is the ruin of a building called Pakenham House. Its situation is identical with the part of the country described by Jim Crow as the place where "old Ginral Jackson he gib de British beans," and although the description sent this Committee does not speak of any water course except the Mississippi, it is hoped that about there, research may find the spot where he "cotched old Pakenham and kicked him up de creek," according to the same historian. Chalmette Plantation has an older histry than the battle of New Orleans. Tradition makes it the property of a morganatic wife of Peter the Great, of Russia, and history tells us that afterwards it was the residence of General de La Ronde, a Spaniard in spite of his French name. In time the Louisiana Society hopes to restore the house and grounds and to hold them as museum and headquarters.

Missouri, another of the French colonies, has been a fruitful field of research. The Society of Colonial Dames in that State have sent in several papers of great interest on the early customs at Christmas and New Year times, papers which all will enjoy reading. In the small town of St. Genevieve, not far from St. Louis, these customs, brought by the early settlers who followed de la Salle, are remem-



bered, and when examined historically, are found to date back to the Druids in France, and the branch of mistletoe plucked at New Years and called la Gui. Later, on this side of the water, la Gui became La Guignolle, and the song in old French which was sung by the young men as they went from house to house with La Guignolle to wish their friends happiness, has been found and copied. In it they ask for gifts instead of giving, and are not modest in their demands, as if nothing else is forthcoming they say they are willing to take the eldest daughter of the house. The Society of Missouri have also taken up the study of Indian customs, as have others in our federation, especially that of Nebraska, which has sent a most interesting pamphlet on the last Chief of the Omaha Indians, called Logan Fontenelle. It is a far cry from Louisiana to Nebraska, and yet Fontenelle was the son of a New Orleans man, of the ancient regime, who wandered from his home, as a fur trader, to Nebraska and there married an Indian princess. His son Logan became chief of his mother's tribe, and now after the most patient work of research, in which every word has to be sifted to find the truth, obscured as it was by traditional jealousy, his history has been written. His death was tragic, for after he and his people were driven out of their lands by the United States government, they were attacked by their hereditary enemies, the Sioux Indians, and while the chief was making heroic efforts to save his followers he was killed. He seems to have been a rare combination of the good to be found in the Indian character, and that in the French, who are even now showing the world how much courage and unselfishness they possess.

One of newest Societies is that in Wyoming, and yet so interesting is their report of the search for trails, and the early forts, that I am sure when they hear it, the members of the National Society will agree with me that they are true Colonial Dames of a real old fashioned kind, those who were willing to share with the men the practical making of the country. So enthusiastic have the efforts of the Wyoming Society been, that the legislature of the State has been influenced to form a trail committee of which the Historian of the Society is a member. Not only has she

helped the committee in its search for the Oregon trail and its forts, but accompanied only by a guide, she has gone by unbeaten paths through the wilderness, found and uncovered parts of the original stockade of the first fort in Wyoming, and with her own hands carved the proper inscription of its founding by Bonneville on a boulder, helped drag it to the spot, and when the inhabitants of various ranches came from afar to see the work, she unveiled the stone and made the address. Assuredly this is historic research of the most energetic kind.

The Kansas Society too is studying trails of long ago. They are fortunate in having through their States that on which the first entrance into the western part of the continent was made, in the Sixteenth Century by the Spanish. It is called the Coronado trail after the leader of the expedition in search of the fancied territory of Cibola and its seven cities.

There has been much interest shown in several Societies in Colonial houses. The Society of New Hampshire has taken charge of a beautiful example in Portsmouth, and the ladies in Delaware have fitted up one outside of the city of Wilmington as headquarters. The Society of Maine is continuing its work in searching for and describing such houses and in the last two years have added eighty descriptive and photographic records to their list. They have as well added an active work among the Indian remains, and report a paper on the Penobscot Indians and one on the Indian history of Pemaquid.

That in New Hampshire has found and is uncovering the spring at New Castle from which the early settlers drank. They have also ready for publication an index of the bibliography of the State, complete from its settlement until the year 1895. This book will be a most valuable addition to all historical libraries.

The Dames in Delaware are introducing her old roads and historic sites to the tourist by distributing a descriptive folder among the libraries and hotel of the State.

It is fitting that the Society of Virginia with its long history and many important men, should have the prize for erecting memorial tablets, although the Society in Alabama follows a close second and is giving much attention, to finding and

marking the historic sites in the State. Beginning with the windows to the Princess Pocahontas at the place of her burial, St. George's Church, Gravesend, England, the Virginia list continues until the tablet to Nathaniel Bacon is unveiled in Richmond next week. The one to be unveiled at Hampton, the landing place of General Braddock, will be in the line of two others recently unveiled at Alexandria and at Winchester, thus marking the march across the the state towards Fort Duquesne, and the French, while Pennsylvania marked the completion of the journey of the English troops, with whom rode that greatest of Virginians and Americans whose portraits in the uniform he then wore, is ours to send Sulgrave Manor.

To the California Society we are much indebted for their interesting addition to the bibliography of the National Society. The papers written and sent to the Committee on Historical Research are most important, as history of the time little known of, in the growth of the Pacific coast. They are three in number, "The Indian Mounds of Alameda" "California before 1770," and "American Contact with California before 1846." These papers should be read by all.

The Maryland Dames have as always been most busy in important work, under the leadership of our National Historian. Three expositions have been helped by exhibits—that of the Star Spangled Banner in Baltimore, the Panama Pacific, and the Centenary of the Washington Monument in Baltimore. At this last, the Society gave a set of photographs thrown on an outdoor screen in Charles Street, called "Milestones in the History of Baltimore, 1729 to 1916." This committee on research is also making an important search for the coinage of the Province of Maryland, now very rare, and is gathering Colonial account books to be used to gather economical information, by the Congressional Library at Washington.

In this report of the Historic Research Committee, there has been an effort made to put aside the reports of records, historic documents and tombstones, many as they are, as belonging more to the committee for the preservation of existing records, but in spite of this, the paper is so growing in length that the reports of certain state societies even when



covering other work will be condensed. Those in Massachusetts, North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio, Florida, Pennsylvania, Rhode Islrnd, Connecticut, Kentucky, Indiana, New Jersey and New York, have given much time to work in searching and recording papers and gravestone inscriptions, in prizes given to schools for Colonial History, and in the writing and publishing books on state history to be used in schools. Especially has New Jersey done good work on these lines. South Carolina has continued her work among the records of old Parish Churches, so many of them now left unvisited except by tourists on account of the deserted plantations about them. Most of the books mentioned are history of the States in which they are written, but the Ohio Dames are more ambitious, for having already the histories of New York and Virginia finished, and before the schools they talk of two others already begun. The North Carolina Society has given us a short sketch of the life of John Lawson, a Scotch associate of Baron de Graffenroid, in exploring and settling the State, and to the memory of this intrepid pioneer and honest man they have unveiled a tablet in Wayne County, and another has been unveiled at Tower Hill to mark the place appointed as capital of the State but never used. New York's work of importance has been brought almost to a standstill by the death of the chairman of their committee on history and tradition, but they have added to their collection some small brochure read before the society. A sketch of Mathias Nicholl, one of the first law givers of the Colony, a paper called a Shelf of Books, dealing with old volumes collected in one family, and an account of some Colonial houses still in existence are among them. The Oklahoma and Washington Societies are collecting wills, deeds, and Bible records. If one may judge by the importance of geneologies found in Bibles, English, French, Dutch or Swedish, which have floated to the Colonies, those gathered in the west may be of the greatest help to the eastern societies when searching for evanescent grandparents. The Colorado Society, knowing the early people of the State to have been not only Indian, but French and Spanish, has hoped to find remnants of their customs. Thus far they have failed, as most of the early population only sought the heights of the Rockies to



hunt, and moved to lower altitudes for residence. There is always a chance, however, that something of interest may be found, and the committee of historic research in Colorado will not relax its efforts.

The report of the Historic Research Committee approaches completion, and must give way to those of other valuable committees. The work done by the National Society in the last two years, although lessened by the strain of existence in these tragic months, has been most important and interesting. In some cases it has opened new fields in which the whole society could work. For instance the research into French customs in Missouri, and that into Indian customs in that and other States. With Indian, French, Spanish, Dutch, Swedish and English, both Cavalier and Puritan, first settlers and the negroes brought unwillingly to our shores, are there not other customs which have died out, and yet could be discovered by research? What is the history of the egg rolling contests in this city at Eastertide? What the quaint New Years customs in the Dutch settlements of New York and New Jersey. What the wedding or funeral formalities in the different colonies, or left with our western and southern States? A compilation of such matters would make a most interesting volume. A still more important subject is ready for us. Just now state pride, and state history, are not the most important in our country, which has become a world power and is looked to as a whole to help civilization, but national patriotism, and national pride. Why cannot we in each State Society search for and record the sayings or actions of the great men of their State towards national honor. George Washington is already quoted in words that show that he looked at the United States as a whole, and since his day there must have been many utterances which might help us all to see our country, its shortcomings and its glory, but as it is a single power. We as a patriotic society must work, work so hard and so united in force that in every part of the United States we may help the love of their native land to so thrill the citizens that never again in public print can one read such words as these, in which the subject excuses historical inaccuracy:

The flag went by. Not one uncovered head  
Paid tribute to the memory of the dead,

Although its scarlet stripes glow vivid still,  
 As when they dripped with blood at Bunker Hill.  
 The flag went by, its bars of purest white  
 Unsullied as the deathless ideals bright  
 For which our forebears bled, and every star  
 Gleamed on its azure field, like hope afar.  
 That leads men upward—deems no height too steep  
 For those to scale, who save their birthright keep.  
 The flag went by. Its passage seemed to me  
 A strain exquisite from a threnody  
 That mourned the passing of those heroes bold  
 Who fought beneath its silken folds of old.  
 The flag went by. I surely dreamed the note  
 Of sweetest melody that seemed to float,  
 And, quivering, suspended hung in air,  
 Above the thoughtless crowds that gathered there  
 To watch the pageant; for I saw no sign  
 That any other soul had thrilled with mine!  
 Where is the patriotic fire that flamed  
 'Mid snows, at Valley Forge? Are men ashamed  
 To render public homage to the sign  
 And symbol of a nation's soul, divine  
 And deathless? It is comforting to know  
 In '76, at least, it was not so!  
 Hats off! It is is your own, your country's flag!  
 On many battlefields, a tattered rag  
 It fluttered proudly; triumph or defeat  
 For right, it did not hesitate to meet.  
 It is the symbol of the hopes and fears,  
 Struggles, attainments, of a hundred years.  
 And almost twoscore more. It is the sum  
 Of what we aim to be, what we have done,  
 Or hope to do— and yet I saw no eye  
 Kindle, no hand salute—  
 The flag went by!

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 Mrs. Benj. S. Ricks-----Washington, D. C.  
 Mrs. John Reinburg-----Conntillo, New Mexico.  
 Mrs. Harry S. Robinson, The Oaks-----Mt. Washington, Md.  
 Mrs. E. H. Rapelje, Calle Carsel 2-----Havana, Cuba.  
 Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Box 75-----Nashville, Tenn.  
  
 Mrs. Robert Strange-----Wilmington, N. C.  
 Mrs. James Sprunt -----" "  
 Mrs. Herbert Smith, Carolina Apartments, " "  
 Mrs. G. Walter Storm, 316 Ann St-----" "  
 Mrs. Thos. Strange, Carolina Apartments, " "  
 Mrs. W. M. Shaw, 218 S. Third St-----" "  
 Mrs. Jasper Stanley, Nunn St-----" "  
 Mrs. Harry Gibbon Smallbones, N. 3rd St. " "  
 Mrs. Thos. Settle, Pearson's Drive-----Asheville, "  
 Mrs. Harry Skinner-----Greenville, "  
 Mrs. W. O. Shannon-----Henderson, "  
 Mrs. Columbus B. Stephenson, 113 Craven Street-----New Bern, "  
 Mrs. Frank S. Spruill-----Rocky Mount, "

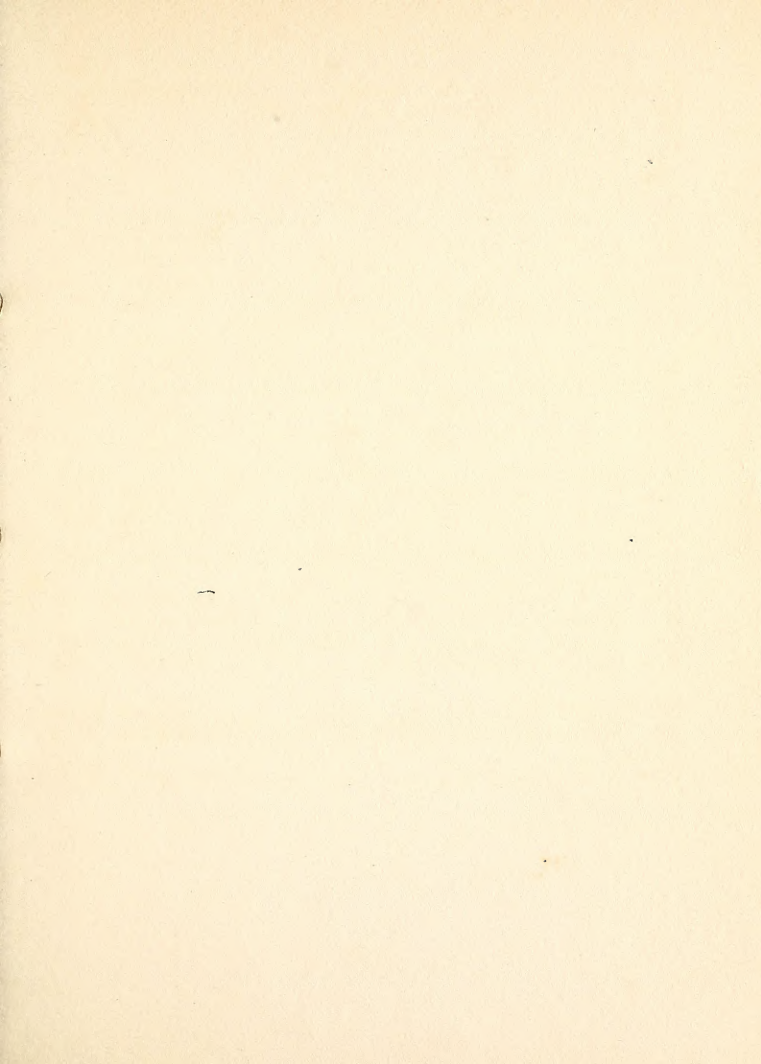


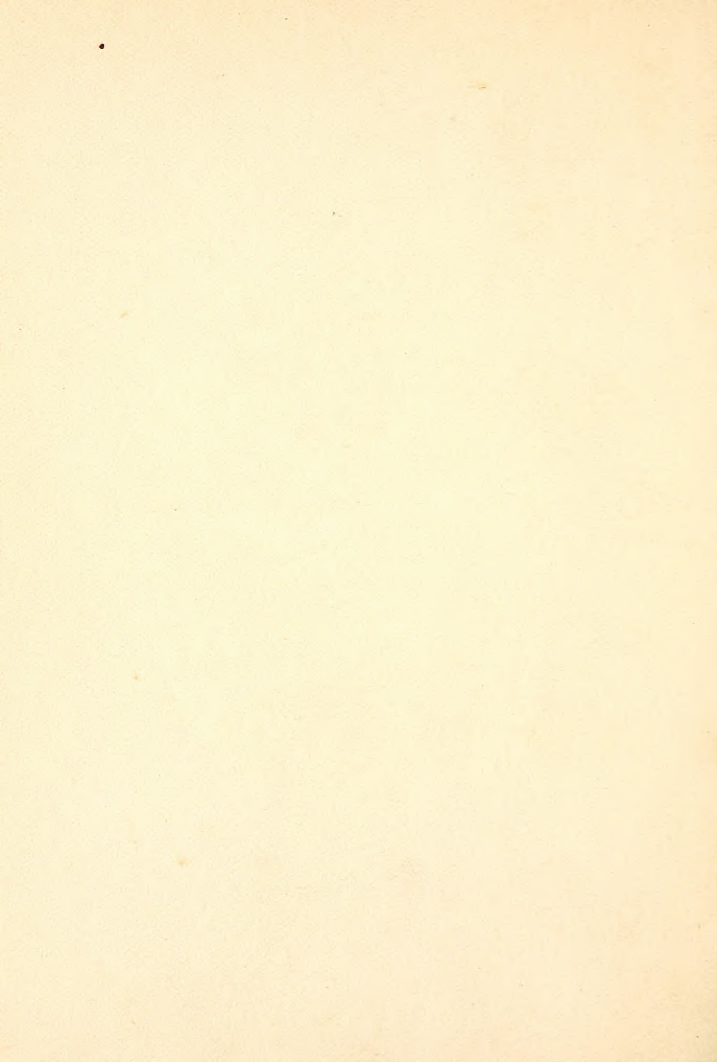
Mrs. Brevard Springs	-----	Charlotte, N. C.
Mrs. Edward W. Stitt	-----	“ “
Mrs. Minnie Wriston Smith	-----	“ “
Mrs. John Scott	-----	“ “
Mrs. George Stephens	-----	Raleigh, “
Mrs. Frank Morton Stronach, 12 S. Boylan Avenue	-----	“ “
Mrs. J. Palmer Scroggin	-----	Warrenton, “
Mrs. Charles L. Summers	-----	Winston, “
Mrs. John Slaughter	-----	Goldsboro, “
Mrs. James Ravenel Smith, 39 E. 10th St., New York City.		
Mrs. Walter M. Stearns, 41 Wendell Ave., Pittsfield, Mass.		
Mrs. Frank L. Stevens, 1002 Nerada St.	-----	Urbana, Ill.
Mrs. Edward H. Sholar, 621 Vine St.	-----	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Mrs. J. R. Speight, 1314 Colonial Ave	-----	Norfolk, Va.
Mrs. John H. Small	-----	Washington, D. C.

Mrs. G. G. Thomas, 319 Market St	-----	Wilmington, N. C.
Mrs. W. B. Thorpe, 209 Nunn St	-----	“ “
Mrs. Charles E. Taylor, 815 Market St	-----	“ “
Mrs. Walker Taylor, 714 Market St	-----	“ “
Mrs. George L. Tillery	-----	“ “
Mrs. Edward T. Taylor, Orange St	-----	“ “
Mrs. W. R. Taliaferro	-----	Charlotte, “
Mrs. James J. Thomas	-----	Raleigh, “
Mrs. Alfred Thompson	-----	“ “
Mrs. Samuel Tillinghast	-----	Fayetteville, “
Mrs. B. L. Tyree	-----	Durham, “
Mrs. James F. Taylor	-----	Kinston, “
Mrs. John T. Thomas	-----	Henderson, “
Mrs. Samuel Tate, 203 S. Franklin St	-----	Tampa, Fla.

Mrs. J. H. VanLandingham	-----	Charlotte, N. C.
Mrs. Ralph VanLandingham	-----	“ “
Mrs. Cora Lee Vail	-----	“ “
Mrs. H. M. Victor	-----	“ “
Mrs. W. C. Via	-----	Wadesboro, “

Miss Jean D. Wood, 210 Chesnut St.....	Wilmington, N. C.	
Mrs. J. Walter Williamson, 602 Market St.	"	"
Mrs. A. M. Waddell, South 5th St.....	"	"
Mrs. W. A. Williams, 118 S. 4th St.....	"	"
Mrs. Jessie K. Wise, Carolina Heights...	"	"
Miss E. S. Waddell .....	"	"
Mrs. John S. Watters .....	Black Mountain,	"
Mrs. Waldo Walton.....	Statesville,	"
Mrs. Carl A. Woodruff .....	Raleigh,	"
Mrs. George T. Winston .....	Asheville,	"
Miss Mary Callum Wiley, 523 Spruce St.....	Winston,	"
Miss Rebecca Washington, 304 N. William Street.....	Goldsboro,	"
Mrs. William L. Wall .....	Hillsboro,	"
Mrs. John Weddell .....	Tarboro,	"
Mrs. Marshall Williams.....	Faison,	"
Mrs. C. E. Weatherby.....	"	"
Mrs. Charles P. Wales.....	Edenton,	"
Mrs. Frank Wood.....	"	"
Mrs. Finley Lea Williamson .....	Burlington,	"
Mrs. Clark Waring, 1428 Laurel St.....	Columbia, S. C.	
Mrs. W. B. Wilson, Box 294.....	Rock Hill,	"
Mrs. John L. Warren, 3120 Newark St...	Washington, D. C.	
Mrs. Peter M. Wilson, 1901 Q. Street....	"	"
Mrs. T. H. Wright, 208 London Street....	Portsmouth, Va.	
Mrs. Sophia L. Williams, 123 Main St., Berkley Norfolk,	"	
Mrs. Amos J. Walker, 511 W. 113th Street....	New York.	
Mrs. Robert Bolling Whitfield.....	Brunswick, Ga.	
Mrs. Robert S. Young.....	Concord, N. C.	
Mrs. William H. Young, 1901 K. St. N. W.,	Washington, D. C.	
Mrs. A. C. Zollicoffer .....	Henderson, N. C.	







Twenty-third Annual Report

of the

North Carolina Society

of the

Colonial Dames  
of America



1917

## NATIONAL OFFICERS·

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HONORARY PRESIDENT:  
MRS. WILLIAM RUFFIN COX,

PRESIDENT:  
MRS. JOSEPH R. LAMAR,

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:  
MRS. NATHANIEL T. BACON,

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:  
MRS. ALBERT L. SIOUSSAT,

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT:  
MRS. OVERTON LEA,

SECRETARY:  
MRS. CHARLES R. MILLER,

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MRS. JOHN Y. TAYLOR,

TREASURER:  
MRS. ALEXANDER J. CASSATT,

REGISTRAR:  
MRS. FRANKLIN B. DEXTER,

HISTORIAN:  
MISS CORNELIA B. WILLIAMS,

# Officers of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America

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## OFFICERS ELECTED MAY, 1917.

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### PRESIDENT:

MRS. ALFRED MOORE WADDELL,  
*120 South Fifth Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

### FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:

MRS. M. F. H. GOUVERNEUR,  
*125 South Fourth Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

### NON-RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT:

MRS. THOMAS SETTLE,  
*Pearson Drive, Asheville, N. C.*

### NON-RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT:

MRS. JOSEPHUS DANIELS,  
*1851 Wyoming Avenue, Washington, D. C.*

### RECORDING SECRETARY:

MISS LUCIANA POISSON,  
*315 South Front Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

MISS SUE McQUEEN,  
*318 South Front Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

### TREASURER:

MRS. M. C. HAMMOND,  
*609 Dock Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

### REGISTRAR:

MRS. WALTER WILLIAMSON,  
*602 Market Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

HISTORIAN:

MISS ELISE KIDDER,

101 *South Third Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

ASSISTANT SECRETARY:

MRS. GRAHAM KENAN,

202 *South Third Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

STATE CHAIRMAN COUNTY COMMITTEES:

MRS. W. N. HARRISS,

*"The Carolina," Wilmington, N. C.*

NECROLOGY:

MRS. W. A. WILLIAMS.

126 *South Third Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS:

MISS MARY S. KINGSBURY,

211 *South Fifth Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

CHAIRMAN ST. PHILIP'S COMMITTEE:

MISS SUE M. McQUEEN,

318 *South Front Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

TREASURER NATIONAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION, N. C. S. C. D. A.

MRS. CLAYTON GILES,

1704 *Princess Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER

PLYMOUTH COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

MISS SUE McQUEEN,

318 *South Front Street, Wilmington, N. C.*



## BOARD OF MANAGERS

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### TERMS EXPIRE 1918:

MRS. THOMAS C. JAMES,  
MRS. WILLIAM A. WILLIAMS,  
MRS. GABRIEL HOLMES,  
MISS SUE MOORE McQUEEN,  
MRS. GRAHAM KENAN,

### TERMS EXPIRE 1919:

MRS. M. C. HAMMOND,  
MRS. E. L. PRINCE,  
MISS ELISE Y. KIDDER,  
MISS OLIVIA G. BELLAMY,  
MISS LUCIANA POISSON,

### TERMS EXPIRE 1920:

MRS. WILLIAM LATIMER,  
MRS. H. C. PRINCE,  
MRS. WM. H. MILTON,  
MRS. WALTER WILLIAMSON,  
MISS CAROLINE G. MEARES.

## LIFE-TIME OFFICERS.

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FOUNDER AND HONORARY PRESIDENT:  
MRS. GEORGE WILSON KIDDER,

*101 South Third Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENT:  
MRS. VIRGINIA GWATHMEY EMPIE,  
*Wilmington, N. C.*

## MINUTES

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The Twenty-third Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America was held in the Assembly rooms on Wednesday, May 2nd, 1917, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, and after joining in the Lord's Prayer the Salute to the flag was recited.

The Secretary called the roll. There were present thirty-seven resident members and two non-resident members, Mrs. Summers and Mrs. Hairston.

First Vice-President, Mrs. M. F. H. Gouverneur, read letters of greetings and regrets from absent members.

The following reports were then read and accepted:

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

Report of Assistant Secretary.

Report of Treasurer.

Report of Registrar.

Report of Historian.

This last report, in the absence of the Historian, was written by Mrs. Louis Moore, who, upon its conclusion, was given a rising vote of thanks.

Mrs. Creasy moved that the Historian's excellent report be sent to the local papers and the State Journal, with a request that it be printed.

This motion was seconded by Miss Caroline Meares and carried.

Mrs. W. A. Williams, Chairman of Committee on Memorials, read her report, all members standing.

## REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

*Madame President and Ladies:*

The Society of the Colonial Dames of North Carolina has been wonderfully blessed this past year. It has suffered the loss of only one of its members, an associate member, Mrs. John M. Bennett, of Texas, and to her family and friends we now extend our deepest sympathy.

Upon the happiest occasions, such as we try to make our Annual Meetings, it seems there must always be a cloud to cast its shadow, a knell to stir our hearts with sadness, when to the members present we recall those whose earthly association with us has been brought to a close.

While lamenting the loss of those members however, a feeling of thankfulness comes to us, that we have still many hearts and hands ever ready and willing to take up the unfinished work and carry it on, always striving



for perfection, always inspired by the example of those who have been taken away for some wise purpose, which we may some day understand. Though our hearts may grow weary, our footsteps falter, may each of us have strength to endure whatever may happen to us in this coming year, try to bear "one another's burdens," and when our faith wavers, and thro' blinding tears we cry,

"Peace, Perfect Peace, with sorrows surging round?"

Remember,

"On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found."

JANE IREDELL WILLIAMS.

Mrs. Latimer, State Chairman of County Committees, read her report, which was followed by the Report of Forsyth County Committee, read by Mrs. Hairston.

Mrs. Latimer then read the Reports of the County Committees as follows: Mecklenburg, Buncombe, Henderson, Lenoir, Wake and Edgecombe.

Mrs. Hairston moved that a telegram of thanks be sent the Buncombe County Committee for the wonderful donation of the ambulance. This was seconded by Mrs. Williamson and carried. Mrs. Hairston was appointed chairman of the Committee to write the telegram.

An attractive poster designed by Mrs. and Miss

Bunting for the Wilmington Chapter of the National Special Aid Society, to be used at the National Headquarters in New York, was then shown by Mrs. Latimer.

Report of Custodian of Register.

Report of Plymouth Commemoration Committee.

Report of Chairman of St. Philips Committee.

Mrs. Waddell spoke of depredations by unknown parties at St. Philips' Church and was glad to report that the Governor had given orders to the Sheriff of Brunswick County to exercise special care in guarding these historic grounds.

### **Election of Officers**

The President called Mrs. W. N. Harriss to the chair to conduct the election, which resulted as follows:

*President*—Mrs. A. M. Waddell.

Mrs. Baltzer moved a rising vote for Mrs. Waddell for President, seconded by Mrs. Summers, and carried.

Mrs. Prince moved the the Secretary cast the vote for the entire ticket as nominated at the primary in April. This was carried and resulted as follows:

*President*—Mrs. A. M. Waddell, Wilmington, N. C.

*First Vice-President*—Mrs. M. F. H. Gouverneur, Wilmington, N. C.

*Second Vice-President*—Mrs. Thomas Settle, Asheville, N. C.

*Third Vice-President*—Mrs. Josephus Daniels, Washington, D. C.

Five new members of the Board:

Miss Caroline Meares,  
Mrs. William Milton,  
Mrs. H. C. Prince,  
Mrs. Walter Williamson,  
Mrs. William Latimer.

Mrs. Gouverneur read the report of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Society of Colonial Dames held in Washington, D. C., April 23rd to 26th, 1917, and resolutions adopted. As each resolution was read it was enlarged upon by Mrs. Waddell, who took pleasure in reporting as far as possible the war relief work of the other Societies as presented by their representatives at this meeting.

The President said she would appreciate any suggestions for helping North Carolina to raise her quota for the National Relief Association.

Mrs. Williamson moved that \$100, the expense of the usual annual luncheon, omitted this year, be sent to the National Relief Association. Motion was seconded by Miss Caroline Meares and carried.

Mrs. Hairston moved that a letter asking for \$1. for the National Relief Association be sent each member

of the Society. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Baltzer and carried.

The advisability of limiting yearly membership was then discussed and the various methods in use by other societies presented.

The following motion by Mrs. W. N. Harriss was carried:

“That nominations of candidates be presented for action by the Board of Managers only in the months of November and March, except in the case of associate candidates, which may be acted on at any time.”

Miss McQueen moved that the plan of contributing 25c or more to the Plymouth Commemoration Fund be continued through the coming year. Carried.

There being nothing further before the meeting it was, on motion, adjourned.

LUCIANA C. POISSON,  
*Recording Secretary.*



# In Memoriam

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“He giveth His loved ones sleep.”

MRS. JOHN M. BENNETT,  
San Antonio, Texas.



## THE BOARD MEETING.

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The Twenty-third Annual Board Meeting of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America was held in the Assembly Rooms on the 9th of May, 1917.

The President opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Roll was called and fourteen members were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Campbell reported the death of Mrs Key of Statesville, N. C.

Corresponding Secretary reported having received a letter from Georgia in regard to membership, which was read.

The following report of the Treasurer was read and accepted:

April 1st	—Balance on hand.....	\$464.80
	From Mrs. W. N. Harriss,	
	Cash.....	2.20
	Dues and Initiation, 1917,	
	Miss Mary N. Weddell.....	17.00
April 17th	—Initiation, Mrs. Wm. Beverly,	
	Gates.....	15.00
	Dues and Initiation, 1917,	
	Mrs. Latta C. Johnston.....	17.00

April 24th—Dues and Initiation, 1917,	
Miss Louise C. Wise-----	17.00
Dues and Initiation, 1917,	
Mrs. W. E. Holt-----	17.00
Dues and Initiation, 1917,	
Mrs. Wm. Branch Porter-----	17.00
Annual Dues Received-----	12.00—\$579.00

### DISBURSEMENTS

April 14th—Miss Bellamy, Rent-----	\$ 13.00
Laundering curtains-----	1.85
April 9th —Miss Mary Kingsbury, Ex-	
aminig 13 pedigree papers--	26.00
April 20th—Mrs. Campbell, Balance for	
postage-----	3.50
Miss French, Typewriting	
Minutes(March) and postage	2.70
April 24th—Renewal subscription, N. C.	
Booklet-----	1.00
Fore & Company-----	.45
Stamps-----	1.50
April 30th—Miss Poisson, postage-----	.50—\$ 50.50
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Balance on hand May 1st, 1917	\$528.50

State Chairman of County Committees, Mrs. Latimer, read the minutes of Buncombe County Committee.

The name of Mrs. T. W. Alexander of Charlotte, was presented and received the affirmative vote of the Board.

Election of the new officers for the Board resulted as follows:

Corresponding Secretary—Miss McQueen.

Recording Secretary—Miss Poisson.

Historian—Miss E. Kidder.



Treasurer—Mrs. Hammond.

Registrar—Mrs. Walter Williamson.

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Graham Kenan.

Chairman County Committees—Mrs. W. N. Harriss.

Mrs. Clayton Giles was appointed Treasurer of the North Carolina Branch of the National Relief Association.

The President read a letter to be sent out to every individual State member asking them to contribute to this fund, also announced that Edgecombe had contributed five dollars.

A letter from Miss Violet Alexander of the Mecklenburg County Committee was received asking for one hundred dollars, to be added to a like sum promised by the North Carolina Historical Commission, to mark two historic sites in Charlotte. Mrs. Prince moved they be written, that in accordance with the ruling of the National Society, all local memorial work be temporarily discontinued. Motion seconded by Mrs. Latimer, and carried.

A copy of "Once Upon A Time in Nebraska," was bought to be presented to the High School.

There being no further business, the meeting, on motion, adjourned.

LUCIANA C. POISSON,  
*Recording Secretary.*



# APPENDIX

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## Report of Corresponding Secretary

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Mail sent—Letters, Cards, Etc.....	123
Nomination Slips.....	18
“Protest” in regard to the deportation and enslavement of the Belgian Nation .....	41
Total.....	182
Mail Received—	
Letters, Cards, Etc. ....	101
List of Officers and Managers.....	17
Invitations.....	6
“Protests” in regard to deportation and enslavement of the Belgian Nation.....	3
Circulars, Letters.....	13
North Carolina Prize Essays.....	2
Year Books.....	4
Total.....	146

Respectfully submitted,

SUE MOORE McQUEEN.

*Corresponding Secretary.*

## Report of Assistant Secretary

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

Since my last report I have sent out the following pieces of mail:

385 Copies of the Annual Report.

58 Copies of the Constitution and By-Laws.

340 Nomination Slips.

346 Notices of the Annual Meeting.

296 Notices to the Society.

88 Notices to the Board of Managers.

76 Letters.

Making total of 1589, with only an occasional acknowledgement. And in connection with this, it may be well to call attention to the necessity of reporting promptly a change of address. I have frequent requests for literature. The only mail sent to a non-resident member of the Society by the Assistant Secretary, is a copy of the Annual Report, the voting slips, and the invitation to the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET D. CAMPBELL,

*Assistant Secretary.*



## Report of Treasurer

Annual Report from May 1st, 1916 to May 1st, 1917.

### RECEIPTS

May 1st, 1916, Balance on hand.....	\$ 556.32
Rec. Initiations and Annual Dues.....	932.00
From National Treasurer expenses	
Bi-ennial Council.....	114.45
Interest.....	16.30
Cash Rec.....	2.70
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	\$1,621.77

### DISBURSEMENTS

Rent from May 1st, 1916 to May 1st, 1917.....	\$ 154.00
Capitation Tax.....	249.75
Prize Essays.....	150.00
Printing and engraving.....	150.00
Expenses of Delegates to Biennial Council.....	114.45
Expense Annual Meeting and Pilgrimage, 1916.....	84.75
Postage and Express.....	64.00
To Chairman, "Committee on Claims".....	44.00
Typewriting Minutes.....	30.80
Fund for French Babies.....	8.60
Expense of Delegate to Congress.....	30.00
Incidentals.....	12.92
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	\$1,093.27

Balance on hand May 1st, 1917.....	\$ 528.50
American Field Service in France.....	\$ 164.05
Buncombe County Committee for Ambulance.....	\$1,085.95

Respectfully Submitted,

H. M. HAMMOND,  
*Treasurer.*

## **Report of Auditing Committee**

*Madam President and Ladies:*

We have examined the books of your Treasurer and found that her cash balance corresponds with her Bank balance, check book stubs with her disbursements as made by checks.

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE S. PRINCE,  
SUE McQUEEN,  
GABRIELLE deR. WADDELL.

*Auditing Committee.*

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## **Report of the Registrar**

*Madam President and Colonial Dames of the State of North Carolina:*

I have the honor of presenting to you the report of the Registrar for the year 1916-1917.

Since our Annual Meeting of last year twenty-three new members have been admitted to this Society, eight of whom are Associate Members, as follows:

617—Mrs. Joseph Edwin Graef, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.

618—Mrs. Charles A. Lyerly, (Associate) Mississippi.

619—Mrs. Cameron F. MacRae, Asheville, N. C.

620—Mrs. Ira M. Hardy, Kinston, N. C.

621—Mrs. Daniel Worth Parrott, Kinston, N. C.

622—Mrs. W. H. Cobb, Goldsboro, N. C.

- 623—Mrs. Samuel Henry Sheib, (Associate) Nashville,  
Tenn.
- 624—Mrs. Goree Nelson, (Associate) Tampa, Florida.
- 625—Mrs. W. F. Genheimer, Roanoke, Va.
- 626—Miss Florence Irene Bacon, (Associate) Jackson-  
ville, Fla.
- 627—Mrs. Cyrus W. Ashcraft, (Associate) Florence,  
Alabama.
- 628—Mrs. James Kemp Plummer, Raleigh, N. C.
- 629—Mrs. Sarah Key Patten, (Associate) Chattanooga,  
Tenn.
- 630—Mrs. Thomas Walter Bickett, Raleigh, N. C.
- 631—Miss Grace McHardy Jones, Asheville, N. C.
- 632—Mrs. Paul Tietgens, (Associate) Evanston, Ill.
- 633—Miss Mary Norcom Weddell, Tarboro, N. C.
- 634—Mrs. William Branch Porter, Rocky Mount, N. C.
- 635—Mrs. William E. Holt, Charlotte, N. C.
- 636—Mrs. Latta C. Johnston, Charlotte, N. C.
- 637—Mrs. Robbins Vivian, Springfield, Mass.
- 638—Mrs. William Beverly Gates, (Associate) Mem-  
phis, Tenn.
- 639—Miss Louise Clisby Wise, Wilmington, N. C.

One member has been transferred, Mrs. Thomas E. Bond, to the Society in Maryland. Two have resigned, Mrs. Richard J. Corbitt and Mrs. J. T. Thomas. Four have been dropped for non-payment of dues, Mrs. Der-

rill Hart McCollough, Mrs. William Person, Mrs. William M. Chalmers and Mrs. Charles Hays Brown.

Two marriages have been recorded, Mrs. Henry M. Flagler to Judge Robert Worth Bingham, and Miss Florence Hill Kidder to Mr. Louis Moore.

We have lost one associate member by death, whose name is recorded in the report of the Committee on Necrology. One member who resigned several years ago has been reinstated, Mrs. Henry Corwin Flower. So during the year we have lost seven members and one associate member and gained twenty-four, giving us a membership of five hundred and thirty-two, of whom one hundred and eighty-five are associate.

Permits for Insignia have been issued to the number of five, and for recognition pins fourteen.

The deeds of the Registrar as recorded briefly here represent many hours ofttimes, and always some moments, of labor in the three hundred and sixty-five days of the year; for the imperative need of some member for a permit or a blank entrance paper, to say nothing of an inquiry which must be satisfied before the arrival of a nearby date, does not always admit of Sunday being a day of rest. And yet, according to the universal law of compensation, there are many pleasant ties and happy affiliations which cause me regret that my service in the capacity of your Registrar is over, and to



hope that in my absence from your counsels you may miss me—just a bit.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES LATHAM HARRISS,

*Registrar.*

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## **Historian's Report**

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

As our year's work draws to a close we assemble with serious thoughts and a depth of understanding called forth by our country having been drawn into the great European cataclysm. For while during the past two years and a half our sympathy has not "been cold to the relation of distant misery" or our hands idle in the relief of its suffering the total realization of the world catastrophe is more poignant now that the dread of the battle-field is upon us. While the coming year may bring forth greater results in our patriotic efforts, if we consider the achievements of the past year we will find a record which we, the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames, may point to with the greatest pride. To begin with let us take the formation of a chapter of the National Special Aid Society and its subsequent results. The unit was formed by seventeen members of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America, and when it was firmly established by the

Dames the membership was enlarged and no longer confined to members of our society, and now there are over one hundred women who are taking through this chapter, courses, which if pursued, will fit them for active service in case of emergency. Beside the instructive lessons in First Aid, Telegraphy, Signalling, etc., the National Special Aid has recommended the cultivation of gardens for greater food production, and in addition has through our newspapers, stirred the patriotism of the citizens of Wilmington. Also it has enabled Miss Jean Wood, to whom we owe so much in this work, to secure military training for the boys at the High School, and instruction in war relief work for the girls. The whole movement is one for preparedness and constructive patriotism and one of its most striking accomplishments is the Civic Register compiled by Miss Wood. This directory, gotten up to enlist the sympathy of women in every quarter—irrespective of age or condition—in a thoroughly comprehensive way divides the town into sections and the sections into districts. It contains the names of 1700 women who have volunteered their services for war relief work, and who through a penny campaign donate a penny a week thereby accruing a sum for relief work during the war. This monetary contribution seems small, but in the aggregate will amount to hundreds of dollars or more.

This National Special Aid chapter has done a fine service which we hope may bear still greater fruits. On the register are the names of practically every member of the Colonial Dames Society in Wilmington.

And now let us turn to the especial work of the Buncombe County Committee, for splendid was the news that came to us telling that this Committee, under the able management of Mrs. Thomas Settle, had raised a sum of \$630.00 by the exhibition of American Ambulance pictures, and by other means had increased the fund to \$1,085.95. With \$1,000 of this the Committee purchased an ambulance for the American Ambulance Field Service and Aviation Corps in France. "Asheville, N. C." was the inscription on one side of the ambulance and on the other "Presented by the Buncombe County Committee of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America". It is certainly a "fait accompli" of which they should be exceedingly proud. In no other instance has a County Committee, or even the Society as a whole, in so short a time, raised such a sum of money. Mrs. Settle and her committee deserve the congratulations of the entire Society.

From exhibition of these same American Ambulance pictures, our Society in Wilmington realized \$164.05, which was contributed to the American Ambulance Field Service Fund.

To the Fund for French Orphans the Society sent \$8.60.

It is of interest to learn that a list of the work done by the society for our Allies in Europe is to be sent to an archivist in Paris, and the names of the officers of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America and those in charge of our relief work will go with others "to form the archives of the deeds accomplished by the Americans for the Allies during the great war."

The North Carolina Society, with some of its County Committees, has placed itself on record as protesting against the deportation of the Belgians. This protest was published in the papers and copies sent to the officers of the National Society and to the Presidents of the Corporate Societies.

In another instance did the North Carolina Society take a firm stand—I refer to the telegram of approval and support sent to President Wilson when he appeared before Congress on the subject of armed neutrality.

Having described in detail the line of work undertaken by our society during the year you will perceive that the usual activities, such as marking historic spots, placing tablets, and so on have been eclipsed by the war situation. However, we find that the work of



preserving records and wills found in the County Court-Houses, is still going on, and while the \$150.00 annually awarded the University of North Carolina for prize essays has been temporarily recalled the sum is being laid aside for the future publication of the Janet Schaw Diary—this too having been interfered with by the war.

To the Plymouth Commemoration Fund a special tax of 25c per person was levied for the past year, the amount being enlarged by individual donations, including \$25.00 from the Forsythe County Committee.

From several of the County Committees we hear that their members are interested in war relief work. Wake County Committee is also writing a history of Wake County, which is to be a memorial to their former Chairman, Mrs. A. B. Andrews. Buncombe County Committee is endeavoring to have Colonial literature that is published in the Society's Minutes read in the public schools of Asheville.

Before closing just a word as to the membership of the Society. The Treasurer apprises us of the fact that while we have taken in a number of new members we have lost the same number by transfers. So while in 1916 the capitation tax was paid on 333 members the capitation tax for 1917 was for 333 members also.

Lest we seem inhospitable to our visiting Dames at the annual meeting let us explain that the amount usually expended for the pleasure of our luncheon this year is to go towards any war relief work that the National Society may have decided upon at the last executive meeting.

Should the crisis of our country become more tense let us view the work accomplished by the Society during the past year, which should inspire us to greater efforts and encourage us to do our part in the strife to perpetuate the principles so dear to the hearts of our forefathers and in memory of whose heroism this society exists. In any work undertaken we may feel that our President and leader, Mrs. Alfred M. Waddell, with her keen mind and fearless initiative, will keep us ever mindful of the duties and obligations of the Society.

ELISE Y. KIDDER,  
*Historian.*

(Report written by Florence Kidder Moore.)

### **Report of State Chairman County Committees**

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*Madam President and Members of the  
Colonial Dames of North Carolina:*

I have the honor of presenting the Annual Report of the State Chairman of County Committees.

There has been no increase in the number of County Committees for the past year, though I think there has been increased interest in the work of the different Committees.

Almost without exception the Committees have felt that the present call for activities of all women were so great as to cause them to lay aside the study of the past for patriotic and humane work of the present.

There are nine Committees: Mecklenburg, Wayne, Forsythe, Vance, Buncombe, Washington Town, Lenoir, Edgecombe and Wake. Mecklenburg, Forsythe and Buncombe have sent reports regularly, and some of the others after called meetings. As requested by the Chairman and granted by the Board, Registers were sent in November to each Chairman of a County Committee. From time to time resolutions deemed important were typewritten and sent to the various Committees preceding the regular minutes.

Thirty-two pieces of mail and forty letters have been written during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
MARGARET IREDELL LATIMER.

## **Report of Forsythe County Committee**

*Madam President and Colonial Dames  
of the Society of North Carolina:*

The Forsythe County Committee sends hearty greetings and congratulations upon the great work that has been accomplished thru the past year. The invitation to this delightful Annual May Meeting was received and appreciated.

Our Committee has attended all meetings with unabated interest, has received, acknowledged and read the valuable monthly reports from the Board; we feel much nearer to you thru them.

We have the pleasure of reporting one new member.

The 25c assessment to the Plymouth Commemoration Fund making \$1.50 was gladly given. Since then \$25.00 has been contributed, making \$26.50 which we have at interest and hope to add to from time to time, finally turning the whole amount when needed. So many questions are asked as to the Milk Station, and our delegate has instructions to acquire detail information in regard to it. We do hope the Diary of Janet Schaw will be published in an attractive, but not too expensive style, in order that it may be obtained by all who desire it, in addition to its being placed in all libraries and Schools. Along this line we have kept to the plan adopted two years ago as to



method of collecting historic data for a State Colonial History and have our little book ready to turn in to await the final adjustment.

Our Chairman of County Committees has been so kindly gracious in replying to our many questions, we are most grateful to her.

Three of our Committee were called to give up their mothers; a place that in God's economic adjustment never can be filled. The passing of that generation, our mothers, marks an epoc the like of which the world will never see again. The furnace of 1860-1864 refined a pure metal that has blazed with a radiance of womanhood to illumine all the years to come.

The hard won struggle of the Colonial warfare, the French and Indian War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, "The War"—the Spanish-American War, has for each of us a Dame who bore her part,—armed, clothed, fed or perhaps nursed or buried her men; and now—we face what! Only the God that they and we worship knows, but looking to Him for guidance, let us endeavor to so meet our part as to in no way dim the glory of the past they have entrusted to us.

Respectfully submitted,

DELPHINE HAIRSTON,

*Delegate.*

## Report of Buncombe County Committee

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April 25, 1917.

*Madam President and Dames:*

The Buncombe County Committee of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames was reorganized on October 11, 1916, with Mrs. Thomas Settle as Chairman, and Mrs. John S. Watters, Secretary and Treasurer, with regular meetings to be held on the first Wednesday of each month. Mrs. George T. Winston appointed Chairman of Indian Lore Committee; Mrs. T. F. Davidson, Chairman of Historic Research; Mrs. A. D. Martin, Chairman for placing in Public Schools of Asheville, Colonial literature from the North Carolina Annual of 1912.

In November Mrs. Settle was approached by Mr. M. M. Palmer, Executive Secretary of the Moving Picture Committee of the American Ambulance Field Service in France and Aviation Corps, in regard to the showing of these pictures in Asheville. The Buncombe County Committee decided to undertake this work, and in February the pictures were most successfully produced. One performance was given at the Orange Street School Auditorium, and one at Grove Park Inn, netting the sum of \$630.00. Elated over our success we decided to raise this sum to \$1,000.00, thereby enabling us to present an ambulance to the

American Ambulance Field Service in France. Through the efforts of Dr. and Mrs. Francis B. Boyer, under the auspices of the Buncombe County Committee, a card party was given at The Manor, which, with many liberal checks, raised the sum to \$1,085.95. A check for this amount was sent to Mr. Palmer, requesting his Committee to purchase Ambulance and pay transportation and insurance to France. Inscription on Ambulance is to be "ASHEVILLE". "Presented through the Buncombe County Committee of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America."

Dr. Boyer was one of the original volunteers to serve as an Ambulance driver in this Service. He enlisted from Massachusetts, but is now Rector of All Soul's Church, Biltmore.

The two following letters from Mr. Palmer speak for themselves.

AMERICAN AMBULANCE FIELD SERVICE  
IN FRANCE

432 Fourth Avenue

New York, April 2, 1917

*Secretary of Buncombe County Committee, North Carolina  
Society Colonial Dames of America, Asheville, N. C.*

Dear Madam:

We have this morning received a check from Mrs. Thomas Settle for \$1,085.95, proceeds of the showing of our picture in Asheville.

We are well aware that your Society was very instrumental in making the showing a great success and in behalf of the

American Field Service, this Committee wishes to express its very deep appreciation for what you have done. We know it must be gratifying for you to feel that the Asheville Ambulance will assist in our wonderful work of conservation.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) M. M. PALMER,

Executive Secretary.

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AMERICAN AMBULANCE FIELD SERVICE  
IN FRANCE

432 Fourth Avenue,  
New York, April 2, 1917.

*Mrs. Thomas Settle,*  
*Asheville, N. C.*

*Dear Mrs. Settle:*

In behalf of the American Ambulance Field Service, this committee wishes not only to thank you in person for the wonderful contribution which you have sent us, but through you the people of Asheville, especially the Buncombe County Committee of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America and the Rev. Francis Boyer, who, we understand, worked so indefatigably in our behalf.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) M. M. PALMER,

*Executive Secretary.*

In January, at the request of our National and State Presidents, we adopted resolutions protesting against the deportation of the Belgians by the Germans.

In connection with our Indian Lore work, we are much indebted to Mr. F. A. Sondley, L. L. D., one of Asheville's most learned sons, who takes this opportunity of presenting to the North Carolina State Society of Colonial Dames, through the Buncombe



County Committee, copies of his very valuable pamphlets on Indian Research in this part of our State. Among other works Mr. Sondley is author and private publisher of "The Hickory-Nut Gorge," "The Indian's Curse," and "Samuel Davidson".

The Buncombe County Committee numbers Sixteen (16), it being increased this year by four (4), two (2) having been just admitted to the Society, and two (2) transferred from other County Committees.

As requested by the National Society of Colonial Dames, we append a list of our members, all actively engaged in War Relief Work:

Mrs. C. C. Mitchell,  
Mrs. Thomas Settle,  
Mrs. E. J. Lilly,  
Mrs. George T. Winston,  
Mrs. Harmon Miller,  
Mrs. John S. Watters,  
Mrs. William Johnstone,  
Mrs. Theodore F. Davidson,

Mrs. John B. Broadfoot,  
Mrs. Annie D. Martin,  
Mrs. Tench C. Coxe  
Mrs. Charles Beale  
Mrs. Duffield Hilliard,  
Miss Athalia Lord,  
Mrs. Cameron MacRae  
Miss Grace McHardy Jones.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZA POTTER SETTLE,  
*Chairman.*

KATE LORD WATTERS,  
*Secretary and Treasurer.*

Asheville, N. C.

## Report of Wake County Committee

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*To the President of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America, and the Board of Managers ;*

The Wake County Committee, has the honor to report; first that considerable interest has been revived in the Committee during the past year, and meetings have been held, which while not so frequent as might be desired, have been fruitful of much discussion and plans for the work of the Society, and which have been wonderfully well attended.

At a meeting held the twentieth of May 1916, a full attendance was present to hear Mrs. McNeill's description and report of the Meeting of the Society in Wilmington, on the twelfth of that month. Also Mrs. Josephus Daniels of the North Carolina Society was present, and added the inspiration of her presence and enthusiasm to the meeting.

Miss Mary Hilliard Hinton reported the Council meeting in Washington.

The report of the last meeting was read.

It was decided by unanimous vote, motion made by Mrs. Josephus Daniels and seconded by Miss Mary Hilliard Hinton, that a history of Wake County be written by the Committee and printed as a memorial to Mrs. A. B. Andrews, under the seal of the Society of the Colonial Dames, if they so permit. It was

stated that about six hundred dollars is in hand toward this memorial, a large part of it being contributed by Mrs. Wm. J. Andrews, and quite liberally added to by Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. McNeill and others; and Mrs. J. R. Chamberlain was commissioned to investigate and draw up table of contents and proceed in the writing of this history. The history at this date, (April 25th, 1917) is two-thirds completed and may be finished for the consideration of the Committee by the fall or not much later.

Since the last meeting the war has loomed large upon the horizon, and this grim cloud has dimmed interest in all other things.

Every member of the Committee in Wake County is at work in some capacity, doing relief, Red Cross, conservation or productive work for the Nation. Most of these are enrolled upon the National Red Cross. All social functions are being omitted on account of the incongruity and the unsuitability of such things under the shadow of so grave a prospect as faces the United States.

Respectfully submitted by the Wake County Committee.

MRS. FRANKLIN McNEILL,  
*Chairman.*

MRS. J. R. CHAMBERLAIN,  
*Secretary.*

## Report of Edgecombe County Committee

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*Madam President and Members of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America:*

The Edgecombe County Committee sends its greetings and it is with pleasure that I submit a report covering its work for this, the first year of our organization.

We have held four meetings and although little has been actually accomplished, the members have shown an increasing interest in Colonial History and in all other work of the Society.

Mrs. Weddell, our Chairman, has had made a steel engraving of the Earl of Edgecombe, for whom our County is named, and has obtained permission to hang same in the Court House in Tarboro.

We also proposed memorials to Jonas Johnson and to Thomas Hall.

We are much interested in obtaining a boulder for Joseph Howell, who gave to Tarboro our beautiful Common.

The Committee was glad of the opportunity to send a donation to the "Special Aid" and to assure the Society of its co-operation in so noble a cause.

Respectfully Submitted,

NAN CLARK,  
*Secretary Edgecombe County Committee.*



## **Report of Lenoir County Committee**

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*Madam President and Ladies of the North Carolina  
Society of Colonial Dames:*

The Lenoir County Committee of North Carolina Colonial Dames sends greetings, and sincerely regret that we will not be represented at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 2nd.

The Society has not held regular monthly meetings on account of the unavoidable absences of some of our members, and as our Committee is still small. However we have had several interesting and enthusiastic meetings, at which the minutes of the Board have been read and enjoyed.

We have had the pleasure of welcoming two new members into our Committee this year.

Through the efforts of the local Committee largely, a chapter of the National Special Aid Society has been organized, which promises to become quite a live organization.

We wish to thank Mrs. Waddell for the valuable assistance rendered us in accomplishing this.

Respectfully submitted,

FANNIE M. TAYLOR,

*Secretary Lenoir County Committee.*

## Report of the Mecklenburg County Committee

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May 1st, 1917.

*Madam President and Members of the North Carolina  
Society of the Colonial Dames of America in  
Annual Meeting Assembled:*

Greetings—

During the season of 1916-1917 regular monthly meetings of the Mecklenburg County Committee have been held at the homes of members, from November to April, inclusive. Over each, the Chairman, Mrs. John Vanlandingham has presided. A special meeting was called in January, at which resolutions were passed relative to the deportation of the Belgians.

Historical talks, prepared papers or selections have featured the meetings.

The dual objects, Observance of Arbor Day and the marking of a historic spot, were effected by the planting of a water oak to designate the location of the Spratt home in which was held the first Court of Mecklenburg County. Later a tablet will be placed on, or beneath this tree.

Further interest in the preservation of historic places was shown by the strenuous efforts of the Committee to have repealed the obnoxious grave yard bill, passed in January by the North Carolina Legislature.

Numerous letters, interviews with Legislators, and the circulation of popular petitions, together with the co-operation elsewhere of influential Dames and of a number of Patriotic men, finally brought success. Our thanks are tendered to our beloved President, Mrs. Alfred M. Waddell, and to Miss Mary Hilliard Hinton, for valuable services.

Almost the entire resident membership has responded to the call for contributions to the Plymouth Fund.

Eighteen members of the Mecklenburg Committee have enrolled in the Red Cross Society, and weekly are attending classes in First Aid and in the preparation of boxes of surgical dressings.

Six new members have been nominated through the Mecklenburg Committee during the year and have been accepted by the Corporate Society.

With assurances of loyalty to the Society and of patriotic devotion to our Country, this report is

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. JOHN VAN LANDINGHAM,  
*Chairman.*

## Report of Custodian of Register

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

As custodian of the Register of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames, I wish to report since last Annual Meeting the sale of 3 copies of the Register for \$5.50, on one of which, being sold to the State Librarian, there was a reduction of 50 cents.

By order of the President, I gave Mrs. Latimer 9 copies of the Register to send to the County Committees.

Number of copies on hand May, 1917-----	107
Copies sold and given away-----	12
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Balance of copies on hand May, 1917-----	95
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Balance in bank May 8th, 1916-----	\$50.46
Sale of 3 Registers-----	5.50
Interest December-----	1.53
Interest, March-----	.53
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Balance in bank May 2, 1917-----	\$58.02

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. PRINCE.



## Report of Chairman of St. Phillips' Committee

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Balance May 12th, 1916.....	\$501.92
Receipts—	
Receipts From Pilgrimage.....	12.00
“ From Interest.....	15.50
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Balance in Bank, May 2nd, 1917.....	529.42

Respectfully submitted,  
SUE MOORE McQUEEN.

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## Report of the North Carolina Plymouth Commemoration Fund

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Receipts—From Contributions.....	\$ 42.75
“ —Interest.....	.10
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Balance in Bank.....	\$ 42.85

Respectfully submitted,  
SUE MOORE McQUEEN.

## Report of Chairman Committee on Claims

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*Madam President, Ladies:*

I have a list of 24 names, whose application slips for membership in the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames have been examined by the Committee on Claims since the last Annual Meeting in May 1916.

The pedigree papers of the following persons—22 in all, have also been examined and put into the hands of the Registrar:

Mrs. C. A. Lyerly	Tennessee
Mrs. Samuel H. Sheib	Tennessee
Mrs. W. T. Genheimer	Roanoke, Va.
Mrs. Ira M. Hardy	Kinston, N. C.
Mrs. David W. Parrott	Kinston, N. C.
Mrs. W. H. Cobb	Goldsboro, N. C.
Mrs. Goree Nelson	Florida
Mrs. Cameron F. MacRae	Asheville, N. C.
Mrs. Sarah Key Patten	Tennessee
Mrs. Cyrus W. Ashcraft	Alabama
Mrs. T. W. Bickett	Raleigh, N. C.
Mrs. Paul Tietgen	Illinois
Mrs. Wm. Beverly Gates	Tennessee
Mrs. Jas. Kemp Plummer	Raleigh, N. C.
Mrs. Latta C. Johnson	Charlotte, N. C.

Mrs. Robins Cuthbert Vivian....Massachusetts  
Mrs. W. E. Holt.....Charlotte, N. C.  
Miss Florence Irene Bacon.....Florida  
Miss Mary Norcom Weddell.....Tarboro. N. C.  
Miss Grace McHardy Jones.....Asheville, N. C.  
Miss Martha Byrd Spruill.....Rocky Mount, N. C.  
Miss Louise Clisby Wise.....Wilmington, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY SUMNER KINGSBURY,  
*Chairman Committee on Claims.*

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## **Report of the Executive Committee**

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The Executive Committee of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America met in Washington, D. C., on April 25th and 26th, and passed the following resolutions which are recommended to the attention of the Corporate Societies:

I. That the Corporate Societies shall continue their local relief work in their own States as they have been doing in the past, in addition to the work which is undertaken by the National Society as a whole.

II. In view of the fact that some of the Corporate Societies have raised and expended, for *local* relief work, certain sums of money which have not passed through the National Treasury, and cannot consequently receive credit in the Treasurer's report, it is recommended by this Committee, in order that the relief Association of the National Society may have a complete record of its work, that all Corporate Societies which have raised and expended money, from Febru-

ary 10th to the present time, for Relief Work, send an approximate financial statement of such expenditures to the National Treasurer, who will append it to the report of the National Relief Association.

Hereafter the Corporate Societies are instructed, according to Acts in Council, page 31, to send all funds collected by their Relief Associations to Lois B. Cassatt, Treasurer. Money collected for *local* relief work will be immediately returned by the National Treasurer to any Corporate Society so requesting.

III. That the Corporate Societies adopt the form of registration which is used by the National League for Woman's Service.

(Address "National League for Woman's Service,  
Room 710 Southern Building,  
Washington, D. C.")

IV. That the President be authorized to accept at her discretion any invitations to represent the National Society on the Boards of other Patriotic and Defense Societies.

V. That the immediate work of the National Society be the equipment of a Hospital Ship or carriers to be offered for the use of the Government.

VI. That the sum of ten thousand dollars be appropriated from the National Treasury for the nucleus of a fund to be raised for a Hospital Ship or carriers.

VII. That this fund be not less than fifty thousand dollars to be raised for this purpose by the Corporate Societies.

VIII. That the President of the Society is authorized to appoint at her leisure an Advisory Committee of three to assist her in carrying out the details of this gift.

IX. The New York Society will shortly issue to the President of each Corporate Society a circular of information with regard to a stamp (or sticker) to be used by the individual members of the Colonial Dames Societies (as the Red Cross Christmas stamps are used) as a means of raising money for this fund.

X. That the Record Committee will prepare a collection



of the popular war songs of our country and have them printed in an attractive form so that they may be offered for sale for the purpose of raising money for this fund.

XI. That the National Society shall present a United States flag to the first American legion which is sent abroad for active service.

XII. The Secretary of the National Society is directed to record our deep sense of appreciation of the fact that we are in Executive Session during the momentous events of the present week, when the representatives of our allies, the English and the French, have come to our shores for counsel and co-operation, and that in presenting the flag to the first American legion which is sent abroad, we hereby commemorate this historic occasion.

The following message was sent by the Executive Committee to the Commissioners of England and France:

The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in Executive session, request His Excellency Mr. Ambassador Jussurand, the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, and the author of a volume which he has dedicated to the Thirteen Colonies, to express in the name of the Society to our Allies represented by the Commissioners for England and France, a message of cordial welcome and sympathy.

April 25th, 1917.

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#### THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA.

May 24th, 1917.

My Dear Mrs. Waddell:

Mrs. Lamar asks me to report with regard to the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee, that before leaving Washington she had an interview with Admiral Braisted, the Surgeon-General of the Navy. He stated that while the equipment of a Hospital Ship would cost from one hundred to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, that a Hospital Carrier or "Hospital Tender" could be equipped for fifty thousand (\$50,000,00) dollars, and that such ves-

sels would be needed during the war. He said, however, that the Government of the United States could not accept such a gift from an individual or a society, except through the American Red Cross; but that he had a representative on the Red Cross Board—Doctor Richards—and that our gift, if made to the Government in that way, would be gratefully received and suitably acknowledged; that full credit would be given to our Society, and that the money would be held intact until the Government had such a vessel to equip, when it would be used for that purpose. Mrs. Lamar will be returning to Washington in a few days, will see Doctor Richards, and will make all necessary arrangements.

With regard to the flag which we voted to present to the first American legion that was sent abroad for active service, she was advised by a competent authority to apply to the Adjutant-General of the Army. She did so before leaving Washington, and received from him a very courteous reply, in which he said that the action which we wished to take was very laudable, but he doubted whether he could be of any service to us in that matter, and that he was unable even to suggest any practicable plan to bring about a consummation of our wishes.

Mrs. Lamar will make another attempt in a different quarter as soon as it seems wise to do so. It has occurred to her that possibly it might be best not to push the matter too urgently for the present, since no doubt there are scores of societies which would be delighted to do the same thing if it were suggested to them.

She also asks me to say that the Colonial Dames all over the land are urged to assist in carrying out the plans of the President of the United States to make June 5th, Registration Day, an impressive occasion.

In answer to several inquiries by letter, I may state it was agreed at our Executive Meeting that we should not attempt to make or to buy the equipment for our "Hospital Tender" but turn the entire fund over to the Government.

Yours very sincerely,

ABIGAIL W. MILLER,

Mrs. Charles R. Miller,

Red Oak Road, Wilmington, Delaware.

*Secretary.*

## AMENDMENTS

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Under dues in Constitution and By-Laws; Paragraph 2 be stricken out and instead the following inserted:

Upon receipt of \$3.50 a certificate will be furnished upon application.

Paragraph 4 shall read:

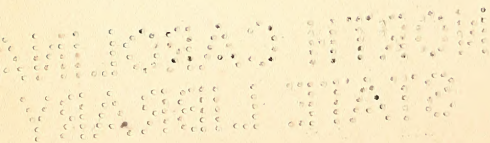
Payment of \$75.00 entitles the member to life membership, etc.

Paragraph 5 added:

Members who have resigned in good standing will be reinstated upon payment of initiation fee, and the endorsement of the Society of the State in which they reside.

Under Membership, Paragraph 8 shall read:

Persons eligible to membership in the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America must be residents of North Carolina. Those residing in the State, but having ancestry in another Colonial State, shall be admitted through the eligibility list of their ancestral state; and be it resolved that residence means "principal home," or the place to which, whenever absent, one has the intention of returning. That nomination of candidates be presented for action by the Board of Managers only in the months of November and March, except in the case of Associate Members, which may be acted upon at any time.





# Twenty-fourth Annual Report

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## Colonial Dames of America



1918

## NATIONAL OFFICERS.

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HISTORIAN :  
MISS CORNELIA B. WILLIAMS.

Officers of the North Carolina Society of the  
Colonial Dames of America

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OFFICERS ELECTED MAY, 1918.

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PLYMOUTH COMMEMORATION FUND  
CHAIRMAN:  
MISS SUE M. McQUEEN,

CUSTODIAN OF REGISTER:  
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*415 Orange Street, Wilmington, N. C.*



## BOARD OF MANAGERS

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Terms Expire 1920:

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MRS. WALTER WILLIAMSON,  
MISS CAROLINE G. MEARES,  
MRS. LOUIS HALL.

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Terms Expire 1921:

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MRS. DONALD MacRAE,  
MRS. W. N. HARRISS.



## MINUTES

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Wilmington, N. C.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America was held in the Assembly Rooms on May 1st, 1918, at 11 o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by the President and, after joining in the Lord's Prayer, the salute to the flag was recited.

Roll was called, and thirty-four resident and eight non-resident members responded: Mrs. Hardin Hairston, Mrs. Jas. A. Houston, Mrs. T. W. Hawkins, Mrs. Thos. Weddell, Mrs. J. L. Ludlow, Mrs. H. L. Riggins, Mrs. Brevard Springs, and Mrs. Griffith, of the Nebraska Society.

Telegrams of greeting from Asheville and Rocky Mount were read.

The President read the Annual Address.

The following reports were read and accepted:

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

Report of Assistant Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer urges that dues be paid with promptness. The Society has to pay a capitation tax of 75 cents on each member, and this leaves only \$1.25 of the \$2.00 for the expenses of the Society.

Report of the Registrar.

Report of the Committee on Claims.

Report of the Historian.

The Society gave the report of the Historian a rising vote of thanks.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee on Memorials, Mrs. W. A. Williams, her report was read by Mrs. William Latimer, all members standing.

Report of the State Chairman of County Committees.

Report of Buncombe County Committee.

Report of Forsythe County Committee.

Report of Wake County Committee.

Report of Mecklenburg County Committee.

The Lenoir County Committee sent regrets.

Report of Edgecombe County Committee.

Mrs. Weddell gave a verbal report, inviting the Society to attend a reunion at Tarboro, where a bronze tablet to the memory of Joseph and Esther Howard is to be placed on a boulder. The exercises are to be under the auspices of the Colonial Dames.



A request was read from the National Defense, asking the members to take an interest in the Hostess Houses.

Report of Custodian of Register.

Report of St. Phillips' Committee.

Report of Chairman of Plymouth Commemoration.

Report of Knitting Committee.

Report of Liberty Loan Committee.

Report of Soldiers' Entertainment Committee was made by Mrs. Campbell, who told of the good time the soldiers had at the entertainment at the Y. M. C. A.

The Registrar presented the name of Mrs. W. C. Leak, Rockingham, N. C., and three pedigree papers are to be presented to the Board for acceptance, viz.: Mrs. R. M. Miller, Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. Richard Price, Wilmington, N. C.; Miss Martha H. Bailey, Raleigh, N. C.

The election of officers was then held. Mrs. C. Giles moved that the ticket then written on the board, which were the nominations in the recent primary, be accepted. This motion was carried, and the following officers were elected:

*President*—Mrs. A. M. Waddell.

*Vice-President*—Mrs. William Latimer.

*First Vice-President*—Mrs. Thomas Settle.

*Second Vice-President*—Mrs. Josephus Daniels.

## Board.

Mrs. Williams Murchison,  
Mrs. W. B. Thorpe,  
Miss Annie Kidder.

The President announced that the meeting was now open for the nominations for two members of the Board. Mrs. Donald MacRae and Mrs. W. N. Harriss were elected by ballot.

Mrs. Riggins asked that the Society give some suggestions to the delegates as to the manner of voting in the yearly elections of new officers.

Mrs. Hairston made the following motion: "That through the Chairman of the County Committees, seven or ten names be suggested to non-resident members to fill the vacancies on the Board; that these names be sent out in time to be voted on in the primary; and that ballots be sent in to headquarters by the individuals." This motion was carried.

A discussion followed as to the advisability of printing the annual minutes. They will be very expensive this year, and so few people acknowledge them. Mrs. Houston moved that the reports be gotten out in full as cheaply as possible. Motion carried, Mrs. Ludlow being the seconder.

Mrs. Creasy moved that we send our annual minutes to the Daughters of the Revolution, to the Daughters

of the Confederacy and to the Sorosis Society. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Covington.

Mrs. H. C. Prince reported \$62.00 in the bank, which is to be used for adding an appendix to the Register. On account of the high cost of printing and paper, Mrs. Ludlow moved it be put off for a year. Motion seconded by Mrs. Nixon Davis and carried.

A suggestion was made to buy two more Liberty Bonds but on motion, it was decided to await the next issue, as the summer expenses must be taken from the amount on hand.

On motion of Mrs. Holmes, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
LUCIANA C. POISSON,  
*Recording Secretary.*

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## MEETING OF THE BOARD

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Following the Society meeting, a short Board meeting was held. Roll was called, and nine members were present.

The name of Mrs. W. C. Leak was accepted, and the pedigree papers of the following ladies, viz: Mrs. R. M. Miller, Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. Richard Price, Wil-

mington, N. C., and Miss Martha H. Bailey, Raleigh, N. C.

The following officers of the Board were elected:

*Recording Secretary*—Miss L. C. Poisson.

*Corresponding Secretary*—Mrs. W. N. Harriss.

*Registrar*—Mrs. Walter J. Williamson.

*Historian*—Miss Caroline G. Meares.

*Assistant Secretary*—Mrs. W. B. Thorpe.

Mrs. Clayton Giles declined a re-election, but kindly consented to act as Treasurer for a month longer.

Report of the Treasurer for April was read.

There being no further business, on motion the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIANA C. POISSON,

*Recording Secretary.*



## In Memoriam

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"The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God."

MRS. THOMAS HALL McKOY,  
Nashville, Tenn.

MRS. ROBERT WORTH BINGHAM,  
Louisville, Ky.

MRS. GEORGE W. KIDDER,  
Wilmington, N. C.  
Founder and Honorary President,

MRS. JOHN NEWLAND MAFFITT,  
New York City.

MRS. PATRICK MATTHEW,  
Edenton, N. C.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

MRS. GEORGE WOOLSEY VanHOOSE,  
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

MRS. JOHN EDWARD DeLONG,  
Tuscumbia, Ala.

# APPENDIX.

## President's Address

*Ladies of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America:*

It is with an inexpressible feeling of thankfulness that I greet you this morning, and especially do I stress sincere appreciation of the presence of those who have come to be with us on this, our twenty-fourth annual meeting. In these days which are trying men's souls, it is not easy to drop the work which, while tearing one's heart, comforts, because we feel that we "over here" are doing something for those "over there," and that perhaps our compress may help to soothe some gaping wound. And certainly we, at the Society's headquarters, are not offering sufficient refreshment to our guests to compensate for the inconvenience of travel. So we must beg you to accept in lieu of social entertainments, which we all agree are out of place just now, a welcome which comes straight from our hearts, and an assurance of the privilege we feel it to be to have the benefit of your experience, counsel and co-operation.

The one strong note sounded by the National Society, even before April 6th, 1917, is patriotism; and

what could be more appropriate? We represent the earliest patriots, "who, by their self-sacrifice and heroism, laid the foundation of this great nation," and as you have just heard in the reading of Article II, one of our reasons for existing is "to stimulate a spirit of true patriotism and a genuine love of country." Therefore it was eminently fitting that at the meeting of the Executive Committee held in Washington April 25th, 1917, Mrs. Lamar, our honored President, recommended that memorial work should be put to one side, and all energy directed in service to our country. The reports will show how we have availed ourselves of the privilege of taking part in the different lines of work necessitated by the new conditions under which we live, and the accounts of what our sister societies are doing will inspire us to "carry on" tho' it be at the cost of greater sacrifice and self-denial.

After an enforced season of inactivity, for which I humbly apologize, I tried to pick up the loose ends and get my work in shape once more. I can never sufficiently thank the ladies for their sympathy and forbearance and the valuable assistance they rendered. We have been obliged to leave undone some of the things we would have done. For instance, the publication of the Janet Schaw Diary, which, in 1916, was to be the special work of the Society. Last April we



obtained through the Chairman of the Records Committee an appropriation of \$400.00, to be used exclusively for the publication of the Diary, but as Prof. Andrews, who is to edit the work, says nothing can be done until after the war, the money is drawing interest. We sent to Miss Hinton money which the same committee appropriated for her work, namely, compiling county records, and she is now working on those of Granville and Rowan.

War should not necessarily put an end to the work of two of our committees; indeed, it seems to me more than ever important that the Historical Research and Preservation of Existing Records should utilize the services of those not actively engaged in war relief work. The National Society found it necessary to clearly distinguish between the duties of these committees, and at the Council of 1916 they were thus defined:

“The Historical Research Committee report should include the discovery of trails, forts, customs, Indian remains or the histories thereof. The histories of old houses or other buildings, diaries or compilations of letters forming the biography of historic men and women.

“The activities of the Record Committee are: Securing originals or having copies made of wills, deeds, Bible records, marriage certificates and samplers, mak-



ing copies of tombstone inscriptions, old letters and genealogical records; having copies made of parish registers, court house records, for publication or otherwise, and cataloguing and filing the same; to arouse interest of civil and ecclesiastical authorities; to have all records placed in fire-proof buildings."

North Carolina is a wonderful storehouse of historical data which must be preserved for the generations yet to come. But, ladies, no society can make a name for itself if the responsibility and work are laid on the shoulders of a few of its members. I plead this morning for fuller sympathetic co-operation and interest. In 1903 the same plea was made by Mrs. Gaston Meares, then President, and because she says just what I want to say so much better than I could ever say it, I repeat her words: "When one is not on the official list, she is apt to say—or think—"I am not an officer or a member of the Board; why should I attend the meetings or take an active part in the affairs of the Society?" This should not be. It takes more than a head or hands or feet to make a perfect body. Each member is a unit, having its own peculiar and important function in the workings of a complete organization. Even a cipher has a most important work. I wish we had many such, since each has that marvellous power of multiplying by ten that unit that stands by its side. So pray bear in mind that not one of you can be spared

however small your self-esteem may be. Each one by inert indifference or zealous interest must be either a drag to hinder or a power to promote the efficiency of our work as a Society."

We must remember that we are not a local society, with narrow aims and selfish views. We are part of a National organization, great in purpose and in scope. Let us jealously guard our personelle, and more than ever, when the "pearly gates" are open to receive the youth and flower of our nation in company with their brothers across the seas. Not only must we preserve historic facts and places, but as "time goes on some of the results of our work should be seen in the development of Christian civilization through its encouragement of a purer womanhood and a nobler motherhood, and these will be our nation's enduring monuments to its Society of Colonial Dames."

## Corresponding Secretary's Report

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*Madam President, Members of the Board and Ladies:*

Since May 2nd, 1917, it has been my task to conduct the usual correspondence of this Society. Official lists, Annual Reports, Directories, Circular Letters and numerous offers of hospitality to our soldiers and sailors have been duly acknowledged.

The interchange of letters offering courtesy and aid to the soldiers and sailors stationed at the various camps and forts throughout the country has established, I believe, a lasting bond of sympathy, and deepened our sense of kinship. Thirty-nine of these letters were sent from your Society.

During the past year we have not received many invitations for social gatherings, but I am confident we have not been overlooked, for, judging by the circular letters, from which I have been requested to draw a full report, our sister Societies, like our own, have been engrossed in far more vital matters. All of these letters brought greetings and splendid accounts of ever increasing efforts to foster and maintain the ideals and objects of this Society.

Patriotism through education is the key-note sounded in all of them, especially in those from the Western States.



The Illinois Society writes of classes in Civics that are being conducted by the use of its civic primer, which has already been published in three foreign languages; and of lectures which were received with enthusiasm, and followed by applications for first citizenship papers.

Through the efforts of this Society an Illinois panel was presented to the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge. Three other patriotic societies joined in this gift. Their Plymouth Memorial Fund, supplemented in 1917 by \$100, was invested in the first Liberty Loan. Twenty-five hundred dollars was the minimum amount set aside by this Society to be donated for the Ambulance Ship. The final amount was \$4,000. Knitting, Red Cross work, and many other accomplished aims were reported in this wonderful letter.

The Indiana Dames are interesting themselves in practical relief through the organizations for French Relief and Red Cross. Pioneer life in their State furnishes the theme for their book entitled, "Once Upon a Time In Indiana."

The Minnesota letter describes a patriotic entertainment of historic tableaux. One was shown for each of the thirteen original States, one each in honor of LaFayette and George Washington, and another for the State of Minnesota. Seven hundred dollars was



contributed to the hospital tender, and \$500 invested in Liberty Loan Bonds. Contributions were made to the Tennessee Mountain School, and to Mt. Vernon, and \$300 was expended for War Relief.

The Michigan Society has added \$100 to the Plymouth Memorial Fund; \$100 as a gift to Sulgrave Manor, and has contributed its support for two fatherless French children. This Society is actively engaged in Red Cross work.

For ten consecutive seasons Missouri has given in the Mission Churches an illustrated patriotic lecture. One lecture, alone, "Our Flag," was given eleven times, at ten different Missions, in the Bulgarian, Armenian and Turkish language. These patriotic Dames are sewing as a Colonial Dames' Unit at the rooms of the Red Cross.

Twenty-five dollars was contributed in 1917 to the Plymouth Fund, and \$550 was pledged toward the equipment of the hospital ship.

The Society of Colorado has renewed its annual pledge of \$50.00 for the Plymouth Memorial Fund, and with the accumulated amount has bought two Liberty Loan Bonds. Two hundred and fifty dollars was contributed for the hospital ship, and \$250 were added later as personal contributions.

As soon as diplomatic relations with Germany were

severed, the New York Dames formed a National Relief Association in their State, and decided to raise money and equip a hospital ship. By April 1st, this Committee had received such contributions as cases of socks and dozens of towels, in addition to \$5,720. By April 28th, 250 beds were ready. Ten thousand dollars was this Society's contribution to the hospital ship.

The New Jersey Society reports splendid work accomplished by the Preservation of Existing Records Committee. Many interesting marriage certificates and copies of tombstone inscriptions have been received, in addition to many Bible records.

The Sampler Committee has been most successful, having received two hundred and sixty-six descriptions since the last annual report. During the year one Dame presented to Christ School, Arden, North Carolina, two hundred small flags for the children to carry, and a large flag for the church. This Society has pledged its loyalty and readiness to respond to any patriotic call issued by the National Society.

The Pennsylvania Society is engaged in the work of compiling a small booklet of patriotic war songs. "The songs are to be those of this country from the time of the early settlers to the present day. Each song is to be accompanied by a brief note of the author, the date when written and any fact of interest pertaining to it."

This Society has prepared and edited a most interesting book, "Forges and Furnaces," and has most generously presented a copy to each of the corporate Societies.

The South Carolina Dames are deeply interested in the cause of "Allied Relief," and during the year will send to France both money and supplies to the extent of their ability. These Dames will set aside all local work for the present in order that they may continue unhampered in this great movement. They are also identified with the work of the Red Cross.

Red Cross work in conjunction with a Dames' Unit of the Navy League constitutes the War work of the Georgia Society, which is carried on entirely by voluntary subscriptions.

One Hundred Dollars has been donated to the Plymouth Memorial Fund, and \$500.00 has been given for the equipment of the hospital ship.

The chief activities of the Delaware Society have been connected with the Red Cross work. Five hundred dollars, its quota, was sent to the National Society for the hospital ship.

The members of the Connecticut Society are realizing their country's need in this hour of trial, and while the shadows of war are deepening, they are standing shoulder to shoulder with a determination to be worthy of the ideals they represent. Their contribu-



tion for the hospital ship far over-reached their pledge, \$500.00 being the noteworthy amount contributed for this noble cause.

A few days ago I received from Mrs. Barrett Wendell, of the Massachusetts Society, two very remarkable letters written by her daughter who is now in Japan. These letters take one into the very heart of Japan, and tell of the Lord Abbot of the Chioyin Temple, who held a great meeting in Kyota of the heads of all sects to get them to go about and tell the people of the wickedness of the Germans, and the great evil they are sowing in the world; to teach the people that they must beware of them, and to get the whole of the people and all the temples to pray for the success of the Allies and the downfall of the Germans. She tells us the Lord Abbot is a Buddhist, and is a wonderful old man with the most beautiful face, and that he is keen that people in other parts of the world should know what they—the good class—think. They feel that there is a great misunderstanding between the nations because of the wrong class going abroad, and of German propaganda.

One reads of this wonderful old man holding services at 5:30 in the morning to pray for peace and the Allies.

At the end of the letter the writer is wondering how many of our people would get up at this hour to hold services of this kind.

Respectfully submitted,  
SUE McQUEEN,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*



## Report of Assistant Secretary.

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

Since the last Annual Report the Assistant Secretary has sent out the following pieces of mail:

- 47 Cards announcing the Death of Mrs. Kidder.
- 48 Notices to the Board of Managers.
- 145 Notices to the Society.
- 398 Copies of the Annual Report.
- 396 Resolutions on the Death of Mrs. Kidder.
- 47 Notices of Change of Officers and Board of Managers.
- 1 Copy Annual Report, 1916.
- 31 Copies of the Constitution and By-Laws.
- 6 Directories of the National Society.
- 307 Ballots.
- 1 Letter.
- 1 Package of Writing Paper.

Also by telephone:

- 56 Notices to Board of Managers.
- 74 Notices of Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH J. KENAN,

*Assistant Secretary.*

## Report of Treasurer.

### Receipts:

Balance on hand May 1st, 1917	\$ 528.50
Initiations and Annual Dues	1,156.30
Check from Mrs W W Starr, "Historical Research"	400.00
Interest Wilmington Savings Bank	13.53
Cash	2.50
Cash for Engraving Certificates	6.75
	<u>\$2,107.58</u>

### Disbursements:

Rent from May 1, 1917, to May 1, 1918	\$ 153.00
Capitation Tax	249.75
Printing and Engraving	140.20
Postage and Receipt Books	47.05
Typewriting Minutes	19.07
To Chairman "Committee on Claims"	32.18
Expenses May Meeting	6.00
Miss Mary H Hinton, Historical Research	200.00
Hospital Ship	100.00
Liberty Bonds	200.00
New Account "Janet Shaw Fund"	400.00
New Account, Historical Research	190.36
Flowers	13.00
Incidentals	5.13
Stamps, National Relief Association	5.25
Excess Dues Returned	1.00
	<u>\$1,761.99</u>

Balance on hand May 1st, 1918	\$345.59
National Relief Association "Hospital Ship"	\$443.95

Respectfully submitted,

AGNES T. GILES,

*Treasurer.*

## **Report of Auditing Committee.**

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

I have thoroughly examined and audited the books of your Treasurer, and find them correct.

Find check stubs correspond with bank book, and all accounts in excellent condition.

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE E. PRINCE,

*Auditor.*

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## **Report of the Registrar.**

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*Madam President and Ladies of the North Carolina Society Colonial Dames of America:*

I have the honor of presenting to you the report of Registrar for the year 1917-1918. In October, Mrs. W. N. Harriss, the former Registrar, turned over to me the books, up to date, and in most excellent order.

During the past year there have been four resignations: Mrs. Jasper W. Stanley, of this city; Mrs. Paul Tietgens, an Associate, of Illinois; Mrs. H. T. Inge, an Associate, of Alabama; Mrs. James F. Maury, also an Associate, of Alabama. One marriage has been recorded—Miss Louise Clisby Wise to Mr. Lawrence Lewis, on May 3, 1917. Mrs. Lemuel O. Dawson has been dropped for non-payment of dues. The Society



has lost by death five of its most valued members and two Associates: Mrs. Thomas Hall McKoy, Mrs. George W. Kidder, Mrs. Robert Worth Bingham, Mrs. John Newland Maffitt and Mrs. Patrick Matthew. The Associates are: Mrs. George W. Van Hoose and Mrs. John Edward deLong, both of Alabama.

Since the last Annual Meeting twenty-six names have been registered:

640—Mrs. George L. Smith (Associate), Mobile, Alabama.

641—Mrs. John D. Dawson, Kinston, N. C.

642—Mrs. J. H. Spencer, Graham, N. C.

643—Mrs. B. H. Griffin, Raleigh, N. C.

644—Miss Mary Louise Waters, New Bern, N. C.

645—Mrs. Harry W. Evans (Associate), Nashville, Tenn.

646—Mrs. Devereaux Edward Slaughter (Associate), Starkeville, Miss.

647—Mrs. Paul Chatham, Charlotte, N. C.

648—Mrs. Thomas Willis Alexander, Charlotte, N. C.

649—Mrs. Edward G. Muse, Durham, N. C.

650—Mrs. Edward Clyde Northen (Associate), Galveston, Texas.

651—Mrs. Benjamin B. Reynolds (Miss Russell), Wilmington, N. C.

652—Mrs. George Frederick Syme, Raleigh, N. C.

653—Mrs. Charles L. Porter, Rocky Mount, N. C.



654—Mrs. William B. Nelson (Associate), Montgomery, Ala.

655—Mrs. John L. Borden, Goldsboro, N. C.

656—Mrs. Arthur Francis Evans (Associate), Nashville, Tenn.

657—Mrs. Samuel Carlyle Sitterson, Kinston, N. C.

658—Miss Annalee Leslie Fitts (Associate), Tuscaloosa, Ala.

659—Mrs. Edward Augustus Thomas (Associate), Shreveport, La.

660—Mrs. Thurman Cary Wescott, Raleigh, N. C.

661—Mrs. Alexander Boyd Andrews, Raleigh, N. C.

662—Mrs. George Washington Peach (Associate), Clayton, Ala.

663—Mrs. D. H. Marbury (Associate), Marbury, Ala.

664—Miss Laura Lindsey Carter, Asheville, N. C.

665—Mrs. Ryden Douglas Webb (Associate), Shreveport, Ala.

Nine permits have been issued for insignia and eighteen for recognition pins.

The growth of the Society during the past year has been about the same as during the previous year.

There are at present five hundred and forty-one members, of which one hundred and ninety are Associate members.

Respectfully submitted,  
ELIZA BELLAMY WILLIAMSON,  
*Registrar.*

## **Report of Committee on Claims.**

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

Since the last Annual Meeting, in May, 1917, thirty pedigree papers have been examined by the Committee on Claims. All have been mentioned in the Registrar's Report except three, those of Miss Martha Hawkins Bailey, of Raleigh; Mrs. Robert M. Miller, Jr., of Charlotte, and Mrs. Richard J. Price, of Wilmington, and also two supplementary papers.

Respectfully submitted,  
MARY SUMNER KINGSBURY  

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*Chairman.*

## **Report of Historian.**

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*Madam president and Colonial Dames of North Carolina:*

Ladies:—The North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames, organized in times of peace and prosperity for the dissemination of historic knowledge among the rising generation, has made great progress since its organization, and I greet you on this honored occasion—the twenty-fourth annual meeting.

The months that have passed have been full of marvelous achievements at home and abroad, and have undoubtedly been the most eventful since the foundation of the world.

History is the story of the past, and posterity de-

mands a truthful and unbiased narration of facts, and Tacitus wrote centuries ago, its chief object was to rescue virtuous actions from the oblivion to which the want of records would consign them.

We have the same interest in the development of the hidden resources of our State in preserving manuscripts and marking historic spots, and some of our talented members will soon complete the work of compiling the records and writing the history of their counties, but for the present we will give our energies to the crying needs of the day, and the members of the North Carolina Society over our State have been engrossed in patriotic work. Thousands of articles for the comfort and relief of the Army and Navy have been forwarded to France, Belgium, England, Italy and the camps of our dear native land.

Oh ! the horizon of women has extended, and we Colonial Dames of the twentieth century, are venturing into fields hitherto untrodden by our sex, and are taking our parts in the history of this country.

“No braver Dames had Sparta,  
No nobler matrons Rome.”

In this old patriotic town of the lower Cape Fear, and all over our Old North State, our members are working with the Red Cross and National Special Aid, and we are working

“For the cause that needs assistance,  
For the future in the distance,  
And the good that we can do.”



One of our Dames has won the admiration of our State and elsewhere, in educational work, combatting German propaganda, and by originating the collection of the Patriotic Penny, which amounted to Three Thousand (\$3,000) Dollars this year.

The North Carolina Society has purchased Liberty Bonds. Mrs. William Latimer, Chairman of the Committee appointed to represent the Colonial Dames in the recent Liberty Loan campaign in this city, reports that through the efforts of this committee twenty-four members of this Society invested in bonds. Mrs. J. L. Ludlow, Chairman of the Forsyth County Committee, appointed to attend the "War Savings Committee," held November 23rd, in Winston-Salem, reports a most enthusiastic meeting.

We have equipped the armored cruiser North Carolina with knitted garments.

We have entertained the soldiers from Fort Caswell, and anticipate the renewal of these hospitalities. When fifteen days after the declaration of War by Congress, the "Council of National Defense" appointed a committee of women to consider and advise how the association of women in America may be made available in the prosecution of the war, America became the first country in the world to give formal official recognition to women in the construction of its war machine, and



to recognize at once its power as one of its most valuable assets.

Our State Chairman of County Committees will follow with reports of committees over the State, and we all know the same spirit that banded together the Dames of the historic "Tea Party" of Edenton, October 25th, 1774, to drink no more tea until the odious tax was removed, remains in the breast of every member of this Society today. Since the Royal Standard of England floated over our Province, and we lived under Royal Government, and His Majesty's seal was affixed to all titles of possession, to the present day, the history of North Carolina has been luminous with patient service and cheerful sacrifice, and by God's help we will fulfill the trust committed to us, and serve faithfully the State and nation we love.

"To be alive in such an age,  
To live to it,  
To give to it !  
Give thanks with all thy burning heart,  
Crave but to be in it a part,  
Give thanks, and clasp thy heritage,  
To be alive in such an age."

CAROLINE G. MEARES,  
*Historian.*

## Report of Buncombe County Committee.

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*Madam President and Ladies of the Society:*

During the year—May, 1917, to May, 1918,—the work of the Buncombe County Committee of Colonial Dames has been as follows:

For the U. S. S. North Carolina, 200 knitted sets, besides extra wristlets and mufflers, valued at \$1,265.09. The Colonial Dames of North Carolina were asked by the Navy League of the United States to provide these sets for the U. S. S. North Carolina, and through the Buncombe County Committee of Colonial Dames the women of the following towns gladly gave their money and work for this object: Asheville, Black Mountain, Arden, Brevard, Tryon, Greensboro, Weaverville, Saluda, Murphy, Hendersonville. The Secretary of the Navy and Captain Bristol, of the U. S. S. North Carolina, have both written acknowledging these sets. These sets were wrapped in a large American flag, and with each set was a personal card sent.

To the Buncombe County boys at the following camps were sent:

Fort Thomas, Ky., 35 knitted articles and \$35.75 cash.

Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., 6 sets, extra socks, candy, chewing gum, etc., at Christmas.

Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., 25 sets and extra socks.

1 set to New Jersey.

1 set to Oklahoma.

1 set to Newport, R. I.

To Camps Sevier and Jackson, 50 pairs socks, knitted by mountain women connected with Christ School, Arden, working under Mrs. Thomas Wetmore. Money to provide wool for same contributed by Dames. With each set sent to these boys, a personal card was included.

Miss May Jones, Chairman for Buncombe County, of the National League for Woman's Service, and Mrs. Thomas Settle, Chairman Conservation Committee, were in charge of the Community Cannery for the Summer of 1917, when more than ten thousand cans of fruit and vegetables were put up.

The Dames have been prominent in the Red Cross work room, in the classes for Surgical Dressings, Dietetics, etc., and have helped generally, and as a unit in each of these patriotic organizations.

It is to be regretted that the request that the Dames, as a unit, contribute to the third Liberty Loan Bond campaign, came too late for much to be done, most of the Dames having previously made their pledges. But late as it came, the sum of \$2,250, with



more to come, has been collected through the Dames.

Our final contribution to the Plymouth Commemoration Fund, including the years 1917-1918, has been paid. Two copies of the "Prince of Parthia" have been sold by the Dames.

Our membership list (17) is the same as in our last Annual Report.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZA POTTER SETTLE,  
*Chairman Buncombe County Committee.*

KATE LORD WATTERS,  
*Sec. and Treas. Buncombe County Committee.*

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### **Report of Forsyth County Committee.**

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*Madam President and Members of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America:*

The Forsyth County Committee has the honor to report its activities during the past year as follows:

With few exceptions we held regular monthly meetings during the year, which have been well attended. All reports and communications from the State Chairman of County Committees and the Corresponding Secretary have been formally presented and acted upon.

During the past year all our efforts have been directed toward helping to supply the war needs which have been undertaken by the women of our country. Among



the more important of these, the following memorandum is presented for your information.

A special meeting was called June 5th, at which it was decided to help knit for the crew of the battleship North Carolina. Money was advanced and wool purchased, and about eighty ladies of our city aided in knitting the garments. The garments made included 58 sweaters, 58 mufflers, 58 wristlets and 4 helmets. Complying with the wishes of Secretary Daniels, these garments were sent to the battleship North Carolina through the Southern Distributing Agency of the American Red Cross Society, about October 1st. Some funds remaining from the knitted garments work, the Chairman decided to purchase colored wool and make a Comfort Robe, which was done, and a large one, with Red Cross center, was turned in through the Winston-Salem Red Cross Society. All the blocks for another Comfort Robe have been started. Two of our committee contributed a nice box of wool (colored) last week.

All of our members have been and continue to be actively engaged in some form of war relief work. One of our members is doing most effective work as Vice-Chairman of the local Red Cross Society.

The majority of the members have contributed to the Plymouth Commemoration Fund.

Respectfully submitted by the Forsyth County Committee.

MRS. J. L. LUDLOW, *Chairman.*

## **Report of Wake County Committee.**

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Raleigh, N. C., April 27, 1918.

The Wake County Committee of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America, has the honor to report, that at a meeting held on April 25, 1918, for the purpose of considering the proper report to make to the President of the North Carolina Society and the Board of Managers, the following report was adopted:

No regular meetings have been held during the past winter, but all the personel of the Colonial Dames has been most earnestly engaged in war work for the help of our country's interests in this crisis.

Every member has taken Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps and contributed of money and effort to the Red Cross.

No slackers among us; all have used every faculty in the aid and service of the country we love.

One correction has been requested as follows in the Minutes of 1917:

"It is ordered that the Annual Report for the year 1917 be corrected so as to show that the motion to have the History of Wake County written under the auspices of this Committee was seconded by Mrs. Hubert Haywood, instead of Miss Mary Hilliard Hinton, and to show that the generous offer of Mrs. W. J. Andrews, after other contributions were made, to have

\$500.00, given by her, added for this purpose, because the History was to be a memorial to Mrs. A. B. Andrews, our late beloved Chairman, and so dedicated."

Mrs. Franklin McNeill resigned as Chairman, and Mrs. William Johnston Andrews was elected in her place.

Mrs. J. R. Chamberlain was re-elected Secretary.

Respectfully submitted, as above dated.

MRS. FRANKLIN McNEILL,  
*Chairman.*

MRS. J. R. CHAMBERLAIN,  
*Secretary.*

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## **Report of Mecklenburg County Committee**

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The Mecklenburg County Committee of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America is pleased to report that regular monthly meetings have been held, at the homes of members, from November 1917, to May, 1918. They have been marked by interest and enthusiasm, the attendance ranging from twelve at the smallest to twenty-three at the largest meeting. The Chairman has presided at each, save during an absence from the city, when Miss Julia Robertson kindly took her place. Refreshments have been served by each hostess, and a literary program enjoyed when



the business permitted time. The Wilmington Minutes have been promptly received, and have kept the members in close touch with the State Society.

No historic spot has been marked during this fiscal year. Active steps were begun last fall by Miss Violet Alexander, Chairman on Historic Research, to take advantage of an offer by the State Historic Commission to obtain part of a fund for Commemorative work, but, following the advice from Wilmington, all effort was abandoned during the present war crisis.

In response to the call of our President, twelve sets of wools (sweater, scarf and mitts) were knitted, and sent to the sailors of the Cruiser North Carolina, the cost (\$25.00) being borne by the voluntary contributions of our members.

A number of appeals have come to our Committee from the Council of Defense, the Community Service, the Fosdic Commission, and other organizations, asking for contributions and co-operation towards various needs incident to the location of Camp Greene, near Charlotte. Help has been given as individuals, but not as a Unit, for our Committee has no treasury. Probably, therefore, it is well to report some of the activities of our members through other organizations:

A Mecklenburg Committee member, Mrs. Reilley, is Chairman of the Women's Committee of the State



organization of the Council of Defense, and another, Mrs. John Van Landingham, was appointed a member of its executive board. Mrs. Hook has presided at the organization of a number of county and city Units. One of our past Chairmen, Mrs. Walter Liddell, is now Chairman of the Charlotte Unit of the Council of Defense; another, Mrs. John Van Landingham, is its Vice-Chairman. A former Chairman of our Committee, Mrs. Ralph Van Landingham, with another member, Mrs. Vinton Liddell, took the initiative in the organization of the flourishing local Red Cross Society, and a number of our members have worked faithfully for it, reporting at our meetings the days given to its service. Many contributed to the large sum raised for the Red Cross work.

Mrs. Ralph Van Landingham has recently organized a Canteen Service, which demands the most unselfish attention to and for our soldiers. Every resident member of Mecklenburg Committee has herself bought, or had her husband to buy, Liberty Bonds of the several series. Some hold a few bonds; others have individually invested \$1,000.00 and \$1,500.00. It has been difficult to summarize the aggregate because of membership in various associations where a conflict of reports might occur, it not being our desire to count twice any deed, however creditable; it is enough to know that every Dame in Mecklenburg Committee is work-

ing zealously for our Government, and doing her part in forwarding all patriotic movements.

Mecklenburg Committee answered the call for one dollar per member for the National fund, and has contributed its quota to the Plymouth Fund.

Camp Greene has furnished unusual opportunities for social courtesies to soldiers and their visiting relatives. These have been graciously extended by our Dames. On the evening of March 9th Mecklenburg Committee tendered a reception to the Commanding Officer, General Cameron, and several hundred officers, all ranking above Major, at the beautiful home of Mrs. Porcher. It was dignified, elegant, enjoyable and much appreciated by four hundred guests, being pronounced the most notable function of the season.

Resident members now number forty-two; non-resident, twenty-three. Total, sixty-three. Five persons have been nominated this year, but their full membership is not yet completed. Representatives to the annual meeting at Wilmington May 1st, are Mrs. James A. Houston, who was elected at the April meeting Chairman of the Mecklenburg Committee, effective next November; Mrs. Thomas W. Hawkins and Mrs. Brevard Springs.

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. JOHN VAN LANDINGHAM,  
*Chairman Mecklenburg Committee.*

## Report of Wayne County Committee.

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(Received after Meeting.)

*Madam President and Members of the North Carolina  
Society of Colonial Dames:*

I have the honor of presenting to you the report of the Wayne County Committee. The anxious days of war have filled many hearts with sorrow and hands with work as well as those of this Committee. Before the Red Cross was organized in Goldsborough, by the efforts and influence of the Committee more than one hundred articles were knit for the Army and Navy League, Washington, D. C. Now we are very zealous members of the Red Cross, working in the Red Cross room, and making hospital garments at home.

Owing to circumstances, our monthly meetings have not been well attended.

With many wishes for a successful meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN E. COLLINS,

*Chairman Wayne County Committee.*

MRS. JAMES KYLE,

*Secretary.*



## Report of the Custodian of the Register of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America.

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

As Custodian of the Register of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America, and as Treasurer of the fund accruing from the sale of the same, I wish to report the sale of one volume since May, 1917. I now have on hand ninety-four volumes.

Balance in Bank May, 1917-----	\$58.02
For Sale of One Register-----	2.00
Interest from May, 1917, to May, 1918-----	2.34
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Balance on hand May, 1918-----	\$62.36

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN B. PRINCE, *Custodian.*

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## Report of Liberty Loan Committee

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

I have the honor to report for the third Liberty Loan Committee of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames:

Number of Bonds sold, about 300.

Amount of money turned in, \$156,600.00.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET IREDELL LATIMER,

*Chairman.*



## **Reports of the Comforts Committee, April, 1917, to May, 1918.**

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*Madam President and Colonial Dames of the State of  
North Carolina:*

Many years before patriotism became a fashion, and then a necessity, the Colonial Dames all over this broad land were endeavoring to instil a spirit of patriotism into the daily lives of our people, the native and the citizen of foreign origin; and to cultivate an appreciation of the grace, dignity and wholesomeness of the lives of those who laid the foundations of this nation with a single-hearted devotion to the principles of justice and integrity, which alone can make a country truly great. A year before our Government declared war on our dishonorable enemy our Society here, feeling such a declaration inevitable, invited the women of Wilmington to join with us in a general movement for patriotic work; the result of which was the organization of the National Special Aid. In making a report of the work of the Comforts Committee, I find that the efforts and objectives of the two organizations have so overlapped that it is almost impossible to separate the net result and give an exact idea of the work. In like manner, as soon as the work of outfitting the U. S. S. North Carolina was inaugurated here at head-

quarters, it was realized that it was a patriotic undertaking in which not only Dames, but all women of the State, should have any share which they desired. So your Chairman sent letters explaining the work and its needs to our County Committees and prominent women in twenty-five other towns in the State. The newspapers were also utilized to give information on the subject, and everywhere these efforts met with hearty response. Between May and September several hundred letters were written and literature from the Navy League sent out.

Asheville, Mrs. Thomas Settle, Chairman, has the splendid record of 220 sets.

Winston-Salem, Mrs. J. L. Ludlow, Chairman, 50 sets, 10 odd pieces.

Lumberton, Mrs. E. L. Holloway, Chairman, 25 sets.

Edenton, Mrs. Patrick Matthew, assisted by the U. D. C., 14 sets.

Washington, D. C., Mrs. C. C. McCullough, Jr., 7 sets.

Charlotte, Mrs. John Van Landingham, 12 sets; 14 odd pieces.

Towns where work was not directed by Dames:

Durham, Mrs. Faison Hill, Chairman, 30 sets.

Aberdeen, Mrs. J. R. Page, 50 sets.

Wadesboro, Mrs. W. T. Marshall, 10 sets.

Raleigh, Mrs. J. R. Chamberlain. (For Red Cross, no report.)

Henderson, Mrs. J. H. Bridgers, 12 sets.

Manchester, Miss Betty Christian, 9 sets.

Fayetteville, Mrs. C. C. McAllister, no report.

Salisbury, Mrs. Elizabeth B. H. Cotton, Chairman, 20 sets.

This town has the oldest woman's section of the Navy League in the State, and had started knitting before our Society undertook to outfit the U. S. S. North Carolina, but Mrs. Cotton very courteously joined with us in the work and reported to your Chairman.

Wilmington, Mrs. W. N. Harriss, Chairman, 105 sets; 15 odd pieces.

Our local Red Cross gave 15 of these sets.

Total, 569 sets; 39 odd pieces.

Directions and other information in regard to sending garments direct to Navy League Headquarters were sent other towns and individuals, the result of which we have no definite report; but the Navy League informed me early in October that certainly 600 sets had been sent the ship, and that "the women of North Carolina had done more to make our sailors comfortable than any other Southern State except one."

This work has continued in Wilmington, the Dames and the N. S. A. working through the same committee,



the garments being sent under the name of the organization providing funds to buy the wool.

Funds from N. S. A.....	\$178.25
Funds from Colonial Dames.....	205.25
Total.....	<u>\$383.50</u>
Expressage, Parcel Post, etc.....	13.13
Wool purchased.....	\$369.57

This wool fund has been raised by donations from Dames and their friends and by a card party given at the Orton Hotel under the auspices of the Society in January, 1918, the proceeds being \$75.25, the total expenses, including expressage on wool and finished garments, being \$6.35.

So far 500 garments have been distributed. Besides those sent for the "North Carolina," a fine box was sent to Pelham Bay Training Station; several shipments made to the Charleston Naval Station; a number of sets went to our Naval Reserve Patrol on the Cape Fear River, and from our card party fund we sent Mme. Helena Paderewska for the Polish Volunteers fighting with us, 24 sweaters and 47 pairs of socks.

Ladies, Lord Kitchener told the women of Great Britain that there was nothing better the women at home could do for their men at the front than knit. Think of the cold, bitter winds at sea, and the men



standing watch in the night, while we snuggle warmly in bed under our wool and down. Think of our men in the trenches exposed to snow, ice and chilling wet, and *knit, knit, knit.*

FRANCES LATHAM HARRISS,  
*Chairman.*

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## Report of Memorial Committee.

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

In the absence of the Chairman of the Memorial Committee, I have been asked to report the death of seven members. Mrs. G. W. VanHorne and Mrs. John E. DeLong enriched the membership of the Alabama Society, and their deaths are keenly regretted.

Since our last annual meeting we have been called upon to mourn the death of the beloved Founder and First President of the Society—Mrs. George Wilson Kidder. At the special Memorial Meeting, which was called immediately after the death of Mrs. Kidder, in July, resolutions were read by the Chairman and sent to every member, expressing the great sorrow of the Society in our loss.

As founder of the Society, Mrs. Kidder laid broad and deep the lines for building up the work to which we committed ourselves—that is, patriotic devotion to the ideals of our forefathers, whose services to the Colonies we commemorate. As President, she performed every duty with dignity and grace, stimulating each member to highest effort by her own zeal and ability.

This Society lost indeed a valued member in the death of a

former gifted and talented Historian—Mrs. Emma Martin Maffit. Living away for many years in New York, she ever retained her keen interest and happy recollections of the Society here—while we remember with gratitude her faithful and efficient service as Historian.

Another member known here to the older members, but who for many years made her home elsewhere, has been called to her heavenly rest—Mrs. Margaret Anderson McKoy, and we recall with pleasure her regular attendance and gracious manner at our meetings, from the beginning of the Society.

And still another member well known to us has passed away since our last annual meeting—Mrs. Robert Worth Bingham. She grew to womanhood in our midst, and though she lived away for many years after her marriage, she always retained a warm interest in the affairs of the Colonial Dames, and many hearts grow warm in affectionate remembrance of “Mary Lily Kenan.”

We were not so fortunate in knowing Mrs. Marie Moore Mathew, of Edenton, in the work of the Society, but the loss to her home circle, where her charming personality and gifted mind has made itself felt, will be sorely missed.

We are saddened at this meeting at the thought of those who have gone from our midst, yet rejoice in the belief that their names have been recorded in the fair pages of Heaven's ledger, and we give hearty thanks for the good examples of these servants who have finished their course in faith, and do now rest from their labors

MARGARET IREDELL LATIMER,

For Jane Iredell Williams.

*Chairman Memorial Committee.*

# Relief Association N. S. C. D. A. Hospital Ship.

Receipts-----\$443 50

## Disbursements:

To Mrs Lois B. Cassatt, Treasurer----- 443 50

AGNES S. GILES,  
Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report for April, 1918.

### Receipts.

Balance-----	\$400.29
Annual Dues-----	14.00
Miss Laura Lindsay Carter, Initiation and Dues-----	17.00
Mrs. David H. Marbury, Initiation and Dues-----	15.00
Mrs. Rhydon D. Webb, Initiation and Dues-----	15.00
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### Disbursements:

Miss Eliza Bellamy, April Rent-----	\$13.00
Miss M. B. French, Typewriting March Minutes-----	2.70
Libery Bonds, Wilmington Savings & Trust Co-----	100.00
	<hr/> 115.70
Balance-----	\$345.59

AGNES S. GILES,  
Treasurer.



The National Society  
of the  
"Colonial Dames of America."

*To the Corporate Societies:*

35 West Eleventh Street,  
Atlanta, Georgia, April 26th, 1918.

My Dear Mrs. Waddell:

This report of the War Work of the National Society, which Mrs. Miller is sending out for me, has been delayed much longer than I had expected, and even now is not quite complete; but as I wish to announce that the meeting of the Biennial Council will be called to order and adjourned during the second week in May, as explained in the notice previously issued, I am taking this opportunity to report the progress of the work of the National Society up to the present time.

On June 27th, as you know, we sent a flag "To the First American Troops Sent Abroad to Serve in the War of 1917," and, on October 15th, I received the following reply from General Pershing:

*Personal.*

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE,  
Office of the Commanding General.

France, September 11, 1917.

Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar,

*President, National Society*

*Colonial Dames of America,*

*Washington, D. C.*

Dear Mrs. Lamar:

Your note regarding the flag has touched me very deeply.



I have received it, and shall treasure it more highly than anything I have. It shall remain in my family for all time.

Please accept my sincere regards, and my most hearty thanks for your good wishes.

"It is better to die for an idea and live forever, than to live for one's self and die forever!"

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed)

JOHN J. PERSHING.

The contributions to the Hospital Ship Fund are as follows:

National Society	\$10,000.00
Alabama	500.00
Arkansas	500.00
California	760.00
Colorado	550.00
Connecticut	5,000.00
Delaware	500.00
District of Columbia	505.00
Florida	100.00
Georgia	1,050.00
Illinois	4,000.00
Indiana	315.50
Iowa	1,000.00
Kansas	150.00
Kentucky	1,316.00
Louisiana	1,000.00
Maine	1,000.00
Maryland	2,000.00
Massachusetts	3,706.00
Michigan	800.00
Minnesota	700.00
Mississippi	300.00
Missouri	560.00
Nebraska	133.50
New Hampshire	787.00
New Jersey	1,000.00
New York	10,000.00

North Carolina	543.50
Ohio	1,000.00
Oklahoma	300.00
Pennsylvania	6,000.00
Rhode Island	1,200.00
South Carolina	1,000.00
Tennessee	1,251.15
Texas	800.00
Vermont	100.00
Virginia	1,000.00
Washington	132.90
West Virginia	100.00
Wisconsin	200.00
Wyoming	50.00
Total	<u>\$60,910.55</u>

On September 20th, as a result of correspondence and various interviews too lengthy to report in full, I received the following letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy:

NAVY DEPARTMENT,  
Washington.

September 20, 1917

My Dear Mrs Lamar:

Since our conversation of yesterday, I have discussed with the Surgeon General the very generous offer made by you in behalf of the Colonial Dames, to donate the sum of \$50,000.00 for the equipment of hospital ships. The Surgeon General tells me that these funds could be utilized to great advantage in equipping the operating rooms of two such vessels, and I therefore accept with pleasure this donation in behalf of the Navy.

As you know, such contributions can only be received through the American Red Cross, and I would therefore re-

quest that your organization deposit such funds as you may have available for this purpose with that Society, specifying at the same time that the donation is to be expended upon request of the Surgeon General for the equipment of operating rooms on Naval Hospital Ships.

Assuring you of my deep appreciation of the interest taken by your Society in the Navy, and the spirit of patriotism which prompts the same, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT,  
*Assistant Secretary of the Navy.*

On October 6th, I sent our National Treasurer's check for \$50,000.00 to the American Red Cross, specifying the purposes for which it was intended, and on January 23rd, I was notified that the outfit for the operating rooms on the Naval Hospital ships "Mercy" and "Comfort" was practically complete, and that a balance remained which they asked for authority to apply to equipment for laboratory, X-ray rooms, the purchase of special drugs, and "entertainment" apparatus, such as moving picture machines and reels, phonographs and records. The Advisory Committee agreed with me that this request should be granted.

On April 11th, I received a letter from Doctor William E. Eaton, Passed Assistant Surgeon of the United States Navy, suggesting that the brass plates which had been placed on the walls of the operating rooms, stating that they had been equipped by the National Society, should be replaced by other plates, which would record the fact that a part of the surgical equipment of the ships had also been donated by



our Society. The exact wording of the inscription on these plates has not yet been determined, but they will record the medical equipment and the entertainment features donated by the National Society, and the substitution will be made by the commanding officer of the ship through the Navy Yard at New York. Both of these ships are now in commission, the "Mercy" is already at sea, and in Collier's Weekly, for April 20th, there are very good pictures of this ship, showing the operating room which we have equipped.

The balance remaining to the credit of our National Relief Association will be held, for the present, subject to the direction of the Advisory Committee.

Our National Historian, Miss Williams, has sent me a brief record of the war work accomplished by each of the Corporate Societies, which will be filed, by request, with the Woman's Committee, of the Council of National Defense, and with the Committee on Public Information.

This report is much abbreviated, but will put you in possession of the main facts, and a fuller account, including copies of the correspondence, can be issued when we have more leisure to record what we are now doing. I congratulate the Society most heartily upon what has been accomplished.

I am, very sincerely yours,

(Signed)

CLARINDA PENDLETON LAMAR,  
*President of the National Society  
of the Colonial Dames of America.*



## Report of State Chairman County Committees 1917-1918.

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*Madam President and Colonial Dames of the State of North Carolina:*

During the past year reports have been received from only three of our County Committees, Buncombe, Forsyth and Mecklenburg, but from correspondence with other committees, it is evident that the Dames throughout the State are living up to the standard of patriotism always set by this Society, and are doing their full share of service for our country and our Allies

My report to you really consists of those which come from the Committees, some of which we will have the pleasure of hearing read this morning by their representatives who are with us. But, among the papers of our former President, Mrs. Kate deRosset Meares, of blessed memory, has been found the original resolution by the National Society permitting the forming of these Committees in those States which desired them, and it may interest you to hear them. Comparatively few of the State Societies have used this privilege, but Mrs. Meares very wisely saw the possibilities for a larger work in North Carolina, and after the reading of the reports this morning I feel confident our hearts will thank her for her foresight, and quicken with pride at the splendid accomplishments of our County Committees

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES LATHAM HARRISS,  
*State Chairman County Committees.*

## Report of Chairman St. Phillips Committee

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Balance May 2, 1917	\$529.43
Interest for year	21.48
Total	<u>\$550.91</u>

### Disbursements:

Two Liberty Bonds	<u>\$200.00</u>
Balance on hand May 1st	<u>\$350.91</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
SUE McQUEEN.

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## Report of N. C. Plymouth Committee

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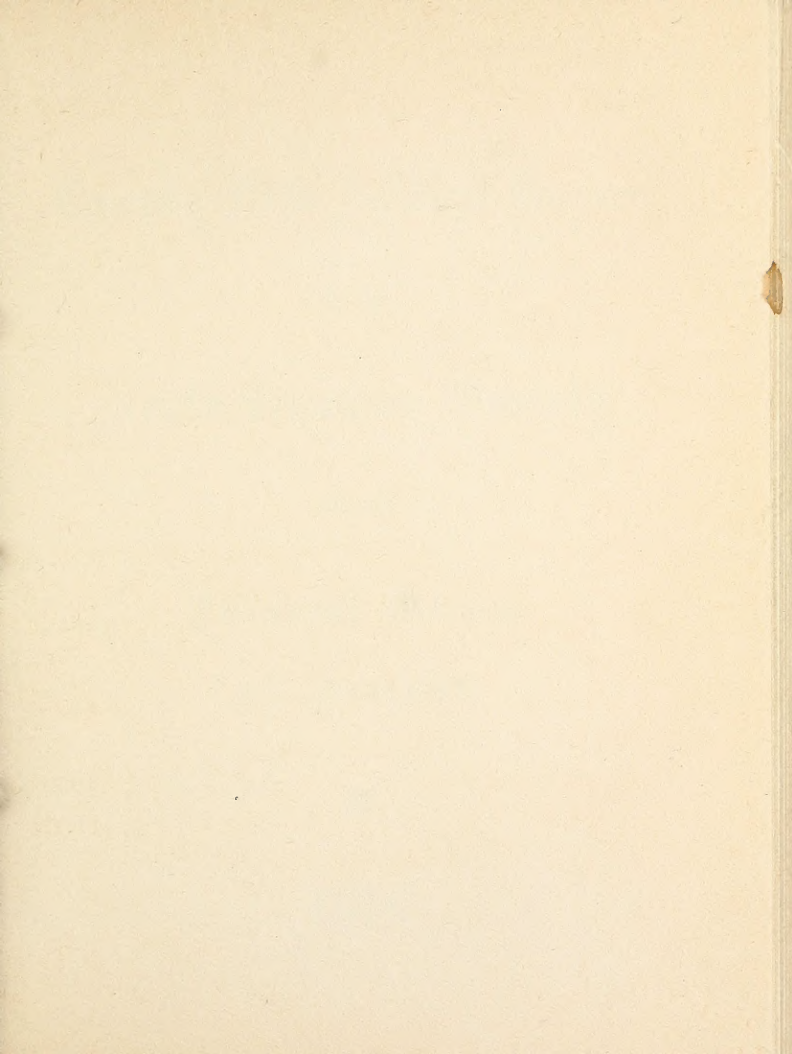
Balance on hand May 2, 1917	\$42.85
Receipts from Assessments	23.00
Interest	1.80
Total	<u>\$67.65</u>

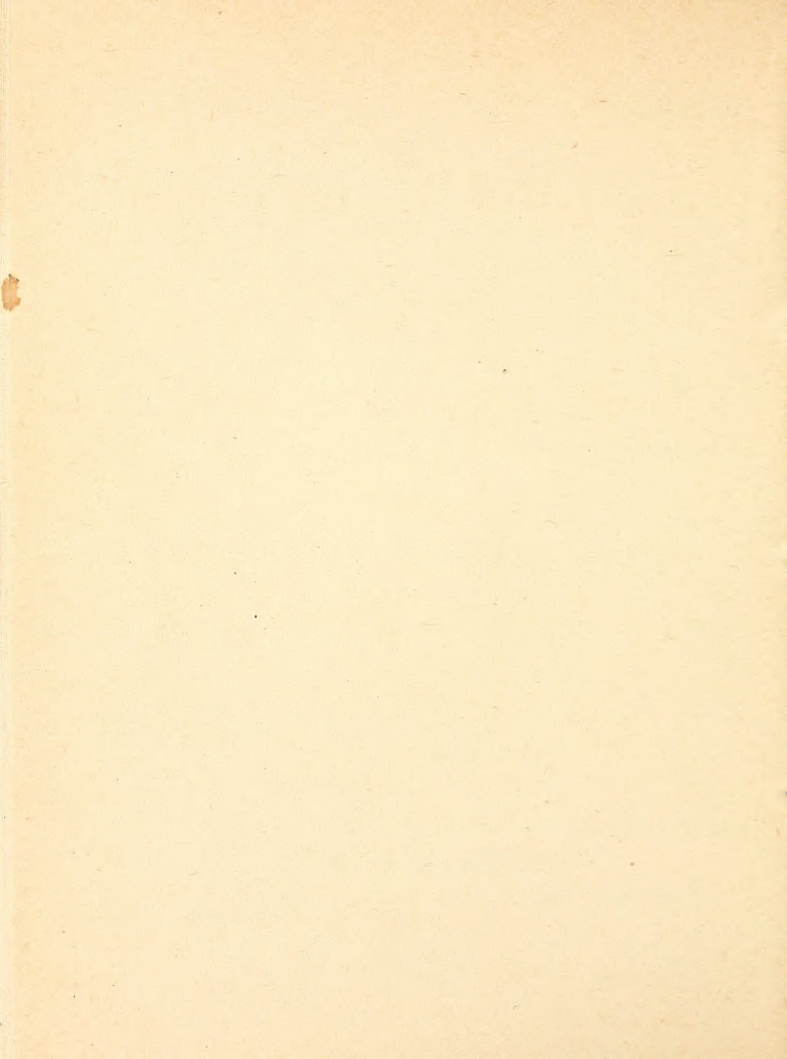
### Disbursements:

One Liberty Loan Bond	<u>\$50.00</u>
Balance in Bank	<u>\$17.65</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
SUE McQUEEN.

May 1st, 1918







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## MINUTES

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The Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America was held in the Assembly Room on June 4th, 1919, at 10:30 o'clock.

The President in the chair called the meeting to order. After joining in the Lord's Prayer, the salute to the flag was recited.

The Secretary called the roll. Present were thirty-one resident members and five non-resident members: Mrs. John VanLandingham, Mrs. W. H. Belk, Mrs. Harden Hairston, Mrs. W. C. Via and Mrs. John Weddell.

The President extended a cordial greeting to the non-resident members.

The Secretary read the preamble to the Constitution.

The following reports were read and accepted:

Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer.

Report of the Assistant Secretary.

Report of the Registrar.

Report of the Historian.

The body expressed its appreciation of the Historian's splendid report by a rising vote of thanks.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee on Memorials, Mrs. Williams Murchison, her report was read by Miss Jennie Murchison, all members standing.

The President called for reports from the County Committees.

Mrs. Harden Hairston read the Forsyth County Committee report. Mrs. John VanLandingham reported for Mecklenburg County Committee, Mrs. Via for Wadesboro, Mrs. John Weddell for Tarboro, and the State Chairman of the County Committees read the Vance County report.

The President stated that the reports of the wonderful war work accomplished by the several County Committees would be incorporated in a circular letter soon to be issued by the Society.

There are nine County Committees, and all have done excellent work during the year.

The President stated that the National President had requested the President of each corporate Society to have read at least once a year the Constitution and By-Laws of both, the National Society and her own corporate Society.

Mrs. Waddell called attention to the map exhibited



on the wall, the oldest and first map of North Carolina, printed in 1728.

Miss McQueen, Chairman of St. Phillips' Committee, reported things in bad shape at St. Phillips', the wharf having been wrecked, tombstones displaced and demolished, and other depredations. Mr. James Sprunt had kindly had the underbrush cut way, and some other repairs done, and hoped next year to do something towards repairing and replacing the tombstones.

Miss McQueen reported concerning the Plymouth Commemoration Fund, and offered the following resolution:

1st. That members be urged to pay the assessment for the Plymouth Commemoration Fund, which has been requested annually, in sums of twenty-five (25) cents, and which up to date amounts to one dollar (1.00.)

2d. That in cases where the assessment has not been paid or has been only partly paid, that this assessment, or remaining portion of assessment, be added to the Treasurer's statement of annual dues.

SUE MOORE McQUEEN,  
*Chairman.*

This resolution was unanimously agreed to.

## REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN OF REGISTER.

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Miss Eliza Meares moved, seconded by Mrs. VanLandingham, that a supplement to the Register be printed in loose leaf form, if practicable, as soon as possible, using the funds in hand, with any more accruing from the sale of the Register, to defray the expense of the same.

Agreed to unanimously.

At 1:30 o'clock the Society took recess, during which luncheon was served.

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At 3:30 o'clock the afternoon session was opened.

The President called the meeting to order, proceeding directly to business.

Mrs. Waddell read a most interesting and comprehensive report of the Biennial Council, at which she, as President, with Mrs. W. N. Harris, Miss Sue McQueen and Mrs. Gilmer Brenizer represented the North Carolina Society. Mrs. John VanLandingham, the other delegate, was detained at home at the last moment.

A rising vote of appreciation was extended Mrs. Waddell for her fine report.

Mrs. Harden Hairston, alternate, gave an interesting resume of the many social functions and other cour-

tesies extended the visiting Dames during their attendance on the Council.

The election of the officers for the ensuing year being next in order, the Secretary explained the primary held in April, and read the ticket resulting from this election.

Miss Eliza Meares moved, and the motion was seconded and carried, that the Secretary cast the ballot for the whole ticket as read.

The officers for the year 1920 are as follows:

*President*—Mrs. Alfred Moore Waddell.

*Vice-President*—Mrs. William Latimer.

*Non-Resident Vice-President*—Mrs. John VanLandingham, Charlotte.

*Non-Resident Vice-President*—Mrs. Gilmer Brenizer, Washington, D. C.

Five members of the Board, whose terms expire 1922:

Mrs. F. B. Gault.

Miss Sue McQueen.

Mrs. D. Lippitt.

Mrs. Isaac Campbell.

Miss Emily Kenan.

Mrs. Waddell stated that the National Society, at the recent Biennial, had adopted as the work for

the National Society at large, asking co-operation from all the corporate Societies—"the Americanization of the Foreigner in Our Midst." Discussion of same followed. Mrs. Waddell enthusiastically and impressively revealed the plans of work to be adopted, and stated that for a successful accomplishment of results a hearty co-operation of each corporate Society and all the members of the same must be had.

Mrs. W. N. Harris, Mrs. H. C. Prince, Mrs. Van-Landingham, of Charlotte, Mrs. Weddell, of Tarboro, and Mrs. Via, of Wadesboro, gave good talks and interesting experiences in their work along these lines.

Miss Eliza Meares gave results of her work along these lines with the school children. The body went on record as accepting the plans of the National Society in this work, promising hearty co-operation in all efforts made to obtain successful results.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion.

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE E. PRINCE,

*Recording Secretary.*



## BOARD MEETING.

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Following the Annual Meeting, a brief meeting of the Board of Managers was held.

Miss McQueen made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Harris, that roll call and official reports be omitted.

The business of the meeting was taken up, viz.: The election of the officers of the Board of Managers, resulting as follows:

Recording Secretary—Mrs. William Latimer.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. N. Harriss.

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. W. B. Thorpe.

Treasurer—Mrs. William Milton.

Historian—Miss Caroline Meares.

Registrar—Mrs. Walter Williamson.

There being no further business, upon motion the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE E. PRINCE,

*Recording Secretary.*

## **In Memoriam**

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**"The stars go down to rise upon some brighter shore."**

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**MRS. ADAM G. EMPIE,  
Wilmington, N. C.**

**MRS. J. HAL BOATWRIGHT,  
Wilmington, N. C.**

**MRS. L. D. CHILDS,  
Columbia, S. C.**

**MRS. BENJAMIN J. RICKS,  
Washington, D. C.**

**MRS. JAMES BOYLIN,  
Wadesboro, N. C.**

**MRS. E. M. COLEMAN,  
Macon, Ga.**

**MRS. EDWARD BUFORD,  
Nashville, Tenn.**

**MRS. GEORGE T. WINSTON,  
Asheville, N. C.  
Died January 22, 1919.**

**"Her pure and lovely soul shone like  
A star through her rarely beautiful face".**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

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### REPORT OF FOURTEENTH BIENNIAL COUNCIL.

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*Ladies:*

In this report of what was universally conceded to be the most important and inspiring Council ever held by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, it will be my effort to give you briefly the accomplishments and the important actions of this body of women. Would that I had the magic pen that could picture to you, however sketchily, the spirit that pervaded, and the atmosphere that enfolded this assembly. You would see five hundred women, representing the best type of every section of the country, with marked individuality, divergent opinions, keen intellect, Christian character, and such heritage of birth and breeding that not a discourteous word or gesture was used during the entire Council. One was struck by the utter disregard of non-essentials, and the stress laid upon whatsoever was true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. Under the masterly guidance of our President, Mrs. Lamar, the business was conducted clearly and rapidly, everyone given opportunity for expression, but

no time lost in irrelevant discussion. I will outline briefly the main points.

It was resolved that all publications of the Society be presented to the library at Louvain, Belgium.

That the Committee on Publication wait for more normal conditions before resuming work. The Committee on the Preservation of Existing Records, authorized at the preceding Council to collect and publish war songs, reported that if every corporate Society would buy books to the amount of \$35.00 there would be sufficient money to complete the work. Agreed to, and the chairman, Mrs. Starr, authorized to proceed with the work.

Revision of the Acts in Council was decided upon, and Mrs. Lamar asks that they be read at least once a year.

The National Registrar was authorized to have name on returned insignia erased, and resell. Upon resignation, a member must return all insignia to her State Society, as must also a member who is dropped from a Society. Full amount is paid for a badge, but nothing allowed on a recognition pin.

Sixty-two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars was contributed for the Hospital Ship, of which \$50,000 was used, leaving a balance of \$12,250. It was resolved



that \$1,000 of this, representing the amount drawn from the National Treasury, be transferred to the Plymouth Commemoration Fund.

As a Silver Anniversary gift North Carolina contributed one hundred (\$100) dollars, in addition to what she already has, and still hopes to raise by individual assessment. Mrs. Lamar urged that the importance of living up to their obligation in this matter be brought to the attention of each Society.

Consideration of the formation of Societies in the nine (9) remaining States was left to the present non-Colonial States. Recommended that adjoining States where a Society already existed be responsible.

Anyone knowing a Dame, or one eligible to membership, genealogically and socially, residing in these States, is requested to notify the Secretary of her Society.

Attempt to pass a resolution opposing any change in the political status of the District was tabled, because it injected politics.

The Numismatic Society asked to be allowed to purchase a Colonial Dame Badge to be added to its collection of insignia. North Carolina asked the privilege of contributing for this purpose one which had been bequeathed to her, and the offer was graciously accepted.

Not less than \$2,000 is to be sent to Sulgrave Manor through the American committee. .

A committee composed of Mrs. Barrett Wendell, Mrs. James Starr, Jr., Mrs. Gilmer Speed Adams, Mrs. Jas. P. Andrews, Miss Cornelia Williams, presented the following tentative program on "Americanization":

1. That the National Society appoint a standing committee on Americanization, and that sub-committees be formed in each corporate Society, and report yearly progress.

2. That in each State a survey be made of work for illiterates or the alien, and reports made to the National Society.

3. That special effort be made to reach the mother in her own home, and the children in the school.

4. That a civic primer and a History of the United States be printed in the language most useful in that State, and used for educational purposes.

5. That a better racial understanding be encouraged; that we enter, as far as possible, the home life of the foreigner, and that classes in instruction preparatory to naturalization be held.

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

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(From May, 1918, to June 4th, 1919.)

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Mail sent: Letters, 100; by-laws, 1; total, 101.  
Mail received: Letters, 30; annual letters, 12; lists of officers and Board of Managers, 8; year books, 4; invitations, 4; total, 58.

I would call attention of those Dames who may be in New York or Connecticut during the present or next few months to a Loan Exhibition of Sheffield plate by the Colonial Dames of New York, at VanCourtlandt Mansion, and one of Communion Silver, loaned by the churches of Connecticut, being held at the Wadsworth Atheneum, in Hartford, by the Dames of Connecticut.

The annual letters sent out by the various State Societies are an interesting means by which we keep in touch with and receive inspiration from each other. These letters are carefully kept on file, and at any time, upon application to the Corresponding Secretary, they will be mailed to the Chairman of the County Committees of this Society, who will be responsible for their safe return.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES LATHAM HARRISS,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*



## REPORT OF TREASURER.

Annual Report from November 4, 1918, to June 1, 1919.

### Receipts.

Nov. 4, 1918. Balance from former Treasurer.....		\$ 333.17
Initiations and annual dues.....	\$1,094.52	
Accrued interest.....	9.66	
Interest on Liberty Bond.....	3.49	
Certificates.....	14.00	
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Total receipts.....		\$1,121.67
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Total cash.....		\$1,454.84

### Disbursements.

Rent from October 1, 1918, to June 1, 1919.....	\$ 103.00	
Capitation Tax.....	266.25	
Typewriting Minutes.....	17.65	
Postage.....	47.83	
Printing and Engraving.....	60.00	
Flowers.....	5.00	
Victory Bond.....	100.00	
Examining Pedigree Papers.....	33.00	
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Total disbursements.....		\$ 632.73
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Balance on hand June 1, 1919.....	\$	822.11
Received from Treasurer Nov. 4, 1918.....	\$ 190.36	
Interest on Historical Research Fund.....	7.04	
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Total.....		\$ 197.40
To Miss Hinton for copying Granville County Records.....	\$ 21.07	
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Cash balance.....		\$ 176.33



Janet Shaw Diary Fund-----\$ 400.00  
Interest on same-----20.40

Cash balance to date-----\$ 420.40

Respectfully submitted,

VIRGINIA LEE MILTON,

*Treasurer.*

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## REPORT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

*Madam President and Colonial Dames of the North Carolina Society:*

During the past year I sent notices each month to the Board of Managers, making a total of 131 issued. Instead of the usual Annual Report last year, I sent only slips, with a list of the Officers of this Society. These went to the National Officers, Presidents of each State Society and Chairmen of the various County Committees, numbering forty-six in all. Each month I have sent minutes of the previous meeting to the chairmen of the County Committees, a total of 72 copies. I have mailed 157 blank ballots for the annual election; sent 181 invitations to the Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Society. No cards were sent town Dames. Have made 109 telephone calls.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET MEARES THORPE,

*Assistant Secretary.*

## REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

I have the honor to present the report of the Registrar for the year ending May 1, 1919.

The work of the Registrar has been very heavy during the past year, largely owing, it is thought, to the irregularity of the mail. Many letters and valuable papers have gone astray, necessitating numerous letters of explanation. Another reason, the Board of Managers, at a recent meeting, authorized the Registrar to have printed slips containing "Rules for Candidates," since it is the Registrar's chief duty to supervise the entrance of members. In the future these rules will be given out with nomination slips whenever a request for slips are made by those desiring to propose names for membership. We have lost by death during the past year six of our members, one of them being an associate of Tennessee. Two marriages have been recorded, Miss Lucianna Poisson to Lieut. John Pickrell, in November, 1918, and Miss Mary H. Bellamy to Mr. J. Leeds Barroll, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pa., on April 23, 1919. There have been nine (9) orders sent to the National Registrar for insignia, and twenty-two (22) for recognition pins since last Annual Meeting, and one recognition pin and one badge has been recalled

from an ex-member of the Society. The owner was paid full value by the National Registrar, the amount coming from the National treasury.

The cards for the card catalogue have been filled out and sent to the National Registrar. These contained the names of those admitted to the Society for the last two years, the dates of admission, the ancestor through whom they entered, and the qualifying services, also a brief statement of authorities. Thus the names of all members of each corporate Society are kept on record by the National Society. One supplemental paper has been presented to the Board and accepted, that of Mrs. Frances L. Price, President of the Texas Society. There are at present 357 members in the Society and 197 associate members, making a total of 554 members. Twenty-one members have been admitted since last Annual Meeting. They are as follows:

- 666—Mrs. Robert M. Miller, Jr., Charlotte, N. C.
- 667—Miss Martha Hawkins Bailey, Jr., Raleigh, N. C.
- 668—Mrs. Richard Jones Price, Wilmington, N. C.
- 669—Mrs. Harry Martin Trafford (Associate), Florence, Ala.
- 670—Mrs. James F. Parrott, Kinston, N. C.
- 671—Miss Mary Hargrove Bellamy (now Mrs. J. Leeds Barroll, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.



- 678—Mrs. Clarence D. Maffitt, Wilmington, N. C.  
679—Mrs. Charles W. Tillett, Sr., Charlotte, N. C.  
680—Mrs. William Clay Leak, Rockingham, N. C.  
681—Mrs. John S. Helms (Associate), Tampa, Fla.  
682—Mrs. Harry Gordon Farriss (Associate), Dallas,  
Texas.  
683—Mrs. George A. Washington (Associate), Cedar  
Hill, Tenn.  
672—Mrs. John Gray Blount, Washington, N. C.  
673—Mrs. James Grist Staton, Williamston, N. C.  
674—Mrs. James Daviess Blackburn (Associate),  
Bowling Green, Ky.  
675—Mrs. Harry S. Houghton (Associate), Montgom-  
ery, Ala.  
676—Mrs. Samuel Westray Battle, Asheville, N. C.  
677—Miss Margaret Gould Weed (Associate), Jack-  
sonville, Fla.  
684—Mrs. Albert E. Herring (Associate), Artesia, Miss  
685—Mrs. James Lloyd Staten, Charlotte, N. C.  
686—Mrs. Aubrey Lee Brooks, Greensboro, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZA B. WILLIAMSON,

*Registrar.*



## HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

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*Madam President Colonial Dames of North Carolina:*

It is with sincere pleasure I greet you on this Silver Anniversary and Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Society. Our hearts are attuned to happier things in this year of victory and peace, and when the voice of the nation is heard in loftiest anthems. We are living in the greatest days the modern world has seen, and entering upon a new era, and in the calendar of time a higher mark has been won by our Dames. There has not been a time since the organization of this Society when you could be so rightfully proud of your achievements. Memory is crowded with great and small happenings which will go down in history. Dames of North Carolina, you have indeed rendered splendid service to your country. In your remarkable activity in War Relief Work, buying and selling bonds, and war stamps, collecting though our Patriotic Penny \$10,000 in twenty weeks, and holding important positions of responsibility in the Red Cross and elsewhere, your hearts will swell with pride when you hear the report from many parts of the State. History affords no more beautiful and unanswering loyalty of undying devotion to a cause, and, as the Englishmen boast of their Magna Charta, won by the bold Barons of Runnymede from a

tyrant king, so will it point with pride to the heroic sacrifices of the descendants of our colonial forefathers, who kindled the flame of liberty. Under the auspices of the Chapter of the National Special Aid in this city, you have celebrated the "National Holiday" of France, the fall of the Bastile and birth of the republic of freedom, and we recognized the greatness of the British Empire in this war for humanity and civilization in our celebration of "Great Britain Day." The first two centuries of the life in North Carolina invites the poet, novelist, geographer and historian into fields of ungarnered riches, and although engrossed in patriotic work, we have accomplished a creditable amount of historical work in our generous fields of the past. The transcribing of the Granville County records have been finished, and the work in Rowan County will be completed in time. The history of Wake County is being prepared, and seven chapters have been completed. The following prize papers, won by the students of the University of North Carolina for the best papers in Colonial History, have been forwarded to the Reciprocity Committee:

"The Social Conditions of North Carolina During the Proprietary Period (1663-1729.)"

"The Revolutionary History of Rowan County."

"North Carolina and the Board of Trade of England Prior to 1775."

"Some Colonial History of Beaufort County, North Carolina."

"Colonial Homes," collected by Mrs. V. Wilson, North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America, includes pictures and articles on Orton, on the Cape Fear river; the home of Charles Lynch, Haborder-venture; the home of the youngest of the signers, Thomas Stone, Whitehall, Anna Arundell County, Maryland; George Selwyn, by Miss Violet Alexander; Colonial Governors of Cape Fear, by John J. Blair; In Commemoration of May 20th, 1775, by Hon. Walter Clark; The Site of Fort Johnston, by J. G. deRouillac Hamilton; An Inventory of the Estates of John Cowan, Esq., 1782. Miss Hinton has forwarded other papers, making the list thirty-nine in all.

Representing the best element in our communities, we are capable of becoming a power for good in our land. We have already come to stand for something more than our good objects, the dissemination of historic knowledge and conservation of our historic landmarks, and to the great work to be placed before the Society we will give our best efforts, but surely as this State was the birthplace of this great Republic, Virginia Dare was born on Roanoke Island, a generation



before Peregrine White and Oceanus Hopkins saw the light of day in the cabin of the Mayflower. Let us make it impossible for any distinguished Senator of Massachusetts, or any State, to say to Congress on the floor of the Senate that he had never heard of the battle of Moore's Creek (from a military standpoint, more important than the battle of Lexington.)

We are helping to draw aside the curtain of oblivion, and American womanhood is exclaiming:

“Make way for the State we love!

Wherever her footsteps go

We'll follow them though the tempest blow

Or her skies show fair above;

Or whether we come from rounded hill

Or dwell where the waters move,

We'll circle our hearts about her still;

Make way for the State we love!”

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE G. MEARES,

*Historian.*

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

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The North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America has lost by death since the last Annual Meeting of the Society in Wilmington, eight members:



"Leaves have their time to fall,  
And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath;  
And stars to set—but all  
Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death!

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MRS. ADAM G. EMPIE,  
Wilmington, N. C.

Mrs. Empie was one of the Founders and Incorporators of the Society, and for many years Honorary Vice-President.

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MRS. J. H. BOATWRIGHT,  
Wilmington, N. C.

Mrs. Boatwright was also one of the Founders and Incorporators of the Society.

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MRS. L. D. CHILDS,  
Columbia, S. C.

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MRS. BENJAMIN J. RICKS (Associate)  
Washington, D. C.

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MRS. JAMES G. BOYLIN,  
Wadesboro, N. C.

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MRS. E. M. COLEMAN,  
Macon, Ga.

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MRS. EDWARD BUFORD,  
Nashville, Tenn.

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MRS. GEORGE T. WINSTON,  
Died in Asheville, N. C., January 22, 1919.

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"Her pure and lovely soul shone like  
A star through her rarely beautiful face."

Respectfully submitted,  
LUCY ATKINSON MURCHISON,  
*Chairman Committee on Memorials.*

## REPORT OF ST. PHILLIP'S COMMITTEE.

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Balance reported May 1, 1918.....	\$350.91
Interest.....	17.94
Interest on Liberty Bond.....	7.22
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Cash balance to date, June 1, 1919.....	\$376.07

Respectfully submitted,

SUE MOORE McQUEEN,  
*Chairman.*

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## REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF NORTH CAROLINA PLYMOUTH COMMEMORATION FUND

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Balance reported May 1, 1918.....	\$ 17.65
Receipts, assessments paid in.....	32.25
Interest.....	1.28
Interest on Liberty Bond.....	1.80
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	\$52.98

Collected by Forsyth County Committee, but not re- mitted.....	31.90
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Total amount collected.....	\$84.88

Respectfully submitted,

SUE MOORE McQUEEN,  
*Chairman.*

## REPORT OF THE REGISTER.

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As custodian of the Register of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America, and as Treasurer of the fund accruing from the sale of same, I wish to report no volumes sold since last meeting. Number of volumes now on hand, 94.

Balance in Treasury May 1, 1918.....	\$62.36
Interest for one year.....	3.13
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Balance on hand June 2, 1919.....	\$65.49

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. C. PRINCE,  
*Custodian and Treasurer.*

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## REPORT OF FORSYTH COMMITTEE.

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Winston-Salem, N. C., May 24, 1919.

*Madam President and Members of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America:*

The Forsyth County Committee has the honor to report its activities during the past year as follows:

Though we are small in numbers and so scattered, we are greatly interested in our Colonial Dame work.

With a few exceptions, caused by the epidemic of influenza, we have held our regular meetings on the third Saturday in each month from November to June. These have been well attended, and have been occasions of interest and pleasure;

all enjoying the reports and communications from our State Chairman of County Committees.

Two large and beautiful comfort robes have been turned in through the local Red Cross Society during the fiscal year, besides the knitting for and working in the sewing room and surgical departments by individual members.

In addition to Red Cross activities, we have bought both War Savings Stamps and Certificates, and have encouraged others to buy them, as well as buying Liberty and Victory Bonds.

The majority of the members have contributed to the Plymouth Commemoration Fund.

At the annual election in March, Mrs. J. L. Ludlow was re-elected Chairman, and Miss Mary C. Wiley was elected Secretary.

Respectfully submitted by the Forsyth County Committee.

MARY C. WILEY,	MYRA M. H. LUDLOW,
Secretary.	Chairman.

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## REPORT OF VANCE COUNTY COMMITTEE.

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*Madam President and Members of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America:*

I have the honor and privilege of submitting to you the annual report of the Vance County Committee, and presenting to you the Committee's cordial greetings and many good wishes.



The Committee meetings have not been held regular, owing to sickness and various good reasons.

The reports of the meetings of the Board have been appreciated and enjoyed by the Dames. We have written our President in regard to permission to erect a marker at or near the grave of Judge Henderson, for whom our town was named. We have many historic spots in this vicinity, which should be marked, and hope soon to get our Committee more interested in preserving them.

Our Committee has been very interested in all war work, some very active, giving able assistance in the Red Cross work.

One of our members has done quite a good deal of historic research work in our High School, and much valuable history is being preserved. We hope to keep in closer touch with the Society the coming year, and expect to receive a fresh stimulus.

An invitation to the Annual Meeting has been received, for which the Committee wishes to extend thanks and appreciation.

I also wish to acknowledge the many courtesies of the Chairmen of County Committees and the entire Board.

Respectfully submitted,

FANNIE S. BURWELL COOPER,  
*Chairman Vance County Committee.*

Henderson, N. C., May 31, 1919.

## COMMITTEE HISTORIC RESEARCH.

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Miss Caroline G. Meares, *Chairman*,  
Miss Lida Rodman,  
Mrs. P. M. Wilson,  
Mrs. J. R. Chamberlain,  
Mrs. C. C. Covington,  
Mrs. Herriot Clarkson,  
Mrs. James A. Houston.

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## PLYMOUTH COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE.

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Miss Sue McQueen, *Chairman*,  
Mrs. Harden Hairston,  
Mrs. J. W. Andrews,  
Mrs. W. H. Belk,  
Mrs. P. M. Brown.

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## RECIPROCITY COMMITTEE.

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Miss Mary Hilliard Hinton, *Chairman*,  
Mrs. W. N. Harriss, Wilmington,  
Miss Violet Alexander, Charlotte,  
Mrs. T. W. Bickett, Raleigh.

Miss Mary J. Arrington, Goldsboro,  
Mrs. C. M. Parks, Tarboro,  
Miss Sybil Hyatt, Kinston,  
Miss Georgie Hicks, Faison,  
Mrs. Sidney Cooper, Henderson,  
Mrs. Thomas Settle, Asheville,  
Miss Mary C. Wiley, Winston-Salem.

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## **PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC RECORDS.**

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Mrs. William Creasy, *Chairman*,  
Mrs. A. M. Waddell,  
Mrs. Marshall Williams,  
Mrs. Gilmer Brenizer,  
Mrs. Hubert Haywood,  
Mrs. Harmon Miller,  
Mrs. Charles C. Hook,  
Mrs. E. C. Gregory.

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## **SUGGESTIVE PROGRAM FOR AMERICANIZATION.**

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The Americanization movement has taken on National significance under the leadership of Mr. Lane, Secretary of the Department of the Interior. Under

this heading is included the work among our immigrant population, the native illiterate and the negro.

The campaign against illiteracy in North Carolina is now carried on under the supervision of the Board of Education, a definite program has been mapped out, so that now this Society is not called upon to take any initiative steps, but to co-operate in every possible way to further the work. We can exert our individual influence for opening up the State by good roads, so that the people can reach the schools, and the schools, traveling libraries and other agencies can reach the people. We can interest ourselves in seeing that capable, well-trained teachers are paid sufficient salaries to induce such men and women to devote themselves to this supremely important work. And possibly our greatest opportunity is an effort to raise the standard of living (health, morality, sanitation, order and beauty) among those leading the drear lives of the isolated and uneducated.

Each County Committee might be asked to make a survey of the needs of that district, and send it before September 1st to the Corresponding Secretary. Then, with the aid of the Board of Education, our surviee and program can be sent the Chairman on Americanization of the National Society.

Without exception, the opinion among all the dele-



gates of the Southern States at the Council was that a most insidious propaganda was being carried on among the negroes, and that to combat it was a most urgent work, in which all the State Societies could well exert their influence.

In taking up this work of Americanization, or perpetuating the ideals of our forefathers, it is just as well perhaps to begin with ourselves, so at the executive meeting of the National Council Mrs. Waddell offered the following resolution which, judging from its reception, found an answering chord in the hearts of this important body of splendid women:

"Realizing that the basis of a nation's integrity is the home,

*"Resolved, That we utilize the spirit of service and sacrifice evidenced during the years of war in an effort to maintain the sanctity of home, and strengthen the bonds of family life."*

Apropos of this resolution, the following suggestive program begins with:

### **For Americans**

To save the American home:

Instil a spirit of courtesy and respect in the young.

Realize our responsibilities to the young in giving them a share in the duties of home.

Entertaining the children and young people at home, and curtailing a too great freedom away from it.

The chaperone restored; and more careful guardianship urged among working parents.

Correct the idea that economic independence severs the dependence of parent and child.

Preservation of the Anglo-American Sunday.

Constructive criticism and oversight of the moving picture shows.

Fostering of mothers clubs.

### **For Immigrants.**

Assistance to schools in teaching patriotism.

Mothers clubs. Literature, carefully selected, distributed in homes.

Use of moving pictures to teach history.

List kept of men who take out first citizenship papers, and guidance in patriotism given them and their families during the years of probation, so that they receive the impress of the best in our national life, and not the worst, as has been usual. Raise their standards of living, and help them retain the impulses to courteousness they bring with them.

When final papers are received, hold brief ceremony of presentation of Flag and Bible.

By this time a friendship should be established which will help them to graft the best we can give them on the best they bring to us.

I wish I were able to vision for you the possibilities as they appear to me of the work inspired by the ideals of this Society.

We are only a few more than eight thousand in number out of the millions in this broad land, but with the strength and assurance which should be ours in the memories of our forefathers, and the things for which they stood, we should achieve such a standard of womanhood, wifehood and motherhood, be the makers of such homes that all who go forth from them must act as a leaven to restore the high purpose of the American home and make our country so much better because we have lived in it.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS LATHAM HARRISS.

## COMMITTEE ON AMERICANIZATION.

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Mrs. W. N. Harriss, *Chairman*,  
Mrs. George Rountree,  
Mrs. Donald MacRae,  
Mrs. H. C. Prince,  
Mrs. Clayton Giles,  
Miss Jean Wood,  
Miss Eliza Meares,  
Mrs. Cameron MacRae,  
Mrs. John VanLandingham,  
Mrs. Eugene Reilley,  
Mrs. John A. Long,  
Mrs. J. L. Ludlow,  
Miss Claudia Hunter,  
Mrs. Wallace G. Orne,  
Mrs. Thomas Bickett,  
Mrs. W. J. Andrews.



# Twenty-sixth Annual Report

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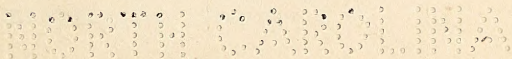
## North Carolina Society

of the

## Colonial Dames of America



### 1920



## NATIONAL OFFICERS

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HONORARY PRESIDENT:  
MRS. WILLIAM RUFFIN COX.

PRESIDENT:  
MRS. JOSEPH R. LAMAR.

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MRS. HAMILTON R. FAIRFAX.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:  
MRS. GILMER SPEED ADAMS.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT:  
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SECRETARY:  
MRS. BARRETT WENDELL.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY:  
MRS. WILMER.

TREASURER:

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REGISTRAR:  
MRS. FRANKLIN B. DEXTER.

HISTORIAN:  
MRS. WILLIAM TODD ROBINS.

Officers of the North Carolina Society of the  
Colonial Dames of America

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OFFICERS ELECTED MAY 5, 1920

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STATE OFFICERS

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PRESIDENT:

MRS. ALFRED MOORE WADDELL,  
*120 South Fifth Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

VICE-PRESIDENT:

MRS. WILLIAM LATIMER,  
*126 South Third Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

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MRS. JOHN VANLANDINGHAM,  
*Charlotte, N. C.*

MRS. GILMER BRENIZER,  
*Washington, D. C.*

RECORDING SECRETARY:

MRS. WILLIAM LATIMER,  
*126 South Third Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

MRS. W. N. HARRISS,  
*"The Carolina," Wilmington, N. C.*

TREASURER:

MISS JENNIE A. MURCHISON,  
*316 South Third Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

REGISTRAR:

MRS. WALTER WILLIAMSON,  
*602 Market Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

HISTORIAN:

MISS CAROLINE G. MEARES,  
*319 South Third Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

ASSISTANT SECRETARY:

MRS. W. B. THORPE,  
*209 Nun Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

STATE CHAIRMAN COUNTY COMMITTEES:

MISS SUE M. McQUEEN,  
*South Front Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS:

MRS. R. D. CRONLY.

CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS:

MISS MARY S. KINGSBURY,  
*211 South Fifth Street, Wilmington, N. C.*

ST. PHILIPS' COMMITTEE

PLYMOUTH COMMEMORATION FUND

CHAIRMAN:

MISS SUE M. McQUEEN.

CUSTODIAN OF REGISTER:

MRS. H. C. PRINCE,  
*415 Orange Street, Wilmington, N. C.*



## BOARD OF MANAGERS:

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### Terms Expire 1921:

MISS JENNIE A. MURCHISON,  
MRS. W. B. THORPE,  
MISS ANNIE KIDDER,  
MRS. DONALD MacRAE,  
MRS. W. N. HARRISS.

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### Terms Expire 1922:

MRS. F. B. GAULT,  
MISS SUE McQUEEN,  
MRS. D. H. LIPPITT,  
MRS. ISAAC CAMPBELL,  
MISS EMILY KENAN.

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### Terms Expire 1923:

MRS. H. C. PRINCE,  
MISS CAROLINE G. MEARES,  
MRS. WALTER WILLIAMSON,  
MRS. WALKER TAYLOR,  
MISS ELIZA MEARES.



## MINUTES.

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The Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America was held in the Assembly Rooms May 5th, 1920. The President, Mrs. Waddell, in the chair presiding, called the meeting to order. The Lord's Prayer was repeated, and following the roll called of the whole membership. Six out-of-town members and about forty-five town members responded to their names. Mrs. Cobb and Mrs. Kyle, of Goldsboro; Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Holloway, of Lumberton; Miss Clark, of Tarboro; Mrs. Hairston, of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Summers, of Baltimore. The President extended, in behalf of town members, a cordial welcome to non-resident members.

The Secretary read the preamble to the Constitution.

The following reports were read and accepted:

Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

Report of Treasurer.

Report of Assistant Secretary.

Report of Registrar.

Report of Historian.

The body expressed its appreciation of the Historian's splendid report by a rising vote of thanks.

The report of the Memorial Committee was read by Miss Jennie Murchison, all members standing.

The President called for County Committee reports. Buncombe and Cumberland, Lenoir and Wake County reports were read by State Chairman. Much regret was expressed that these committees were not represented in person. Wayne County report was given verbally by Mrs. Kyle. Robeson County, represented by two members, hoped to have sufficient number to form a Committee shortly.

Mrs. Waddell announced that, according to a suggestion of the National Society, the Constitution and By-Laws should be read twice every year, that she would take this opportunity, when there was a large attendance of members present, to read them, asking for free discussion. This was found helpful, and brought out points for explanation, etc., especially in regard to Town and County Committees. Among other points was the election of officers of the County Committees. It was the sense of this body that a chairman and secretary should be elected annually, subject to re-election, if desired. It was moved by Mrs. Kyle and seconded that a vice-chairman should be added to the list of officers for County Committees.



Miss McQueen reported having in hand for St. Phillips' Committee, \$376.76. Plymouth Commemoration Fund reported on hand, \$395.99. Mrs. Hairston reported \$50.00 with the Forsyth County Committee. Miss McQueen asked for instructions as to money sent in excess of amount taxed for this fund. It was the sense of the meeting that, as it had been clearly and repeatedly explained to every member the amount expected, it was impractical for the chairman to return the money. Mrs. Giles, therefore, moved that the money be kept for the fund, which motion was carried.

At 1:30 o'clock the meeting was adjourned for luncheon.

### **Afternoon Session.**

At 3:30 o'clock the afternoon session was opened.

The President called the meeting to order, proceeding directly to business. Election of officers was called for. Mrs. Hairston moved that the names, as posted, be accepted as a whole. The President asked that the Secretary cast the ballot, and it was announced the ticket elected.

President—Mrs. A. M. Waddell.

Vice-President—Mrs. William Latimer.

Non-Resident Vice-President—Mrs. John VanLandingham, Charlotte.

Non-Resident Vice-President—Mrs. Gilmer Bren-  
izer, Washington, D. C.

Five members whose terms expire 1923:

Mrs. H. C. Prince.

Miss Caroline G. Meares.

Mrs. Walter Williamson.

Mrs. Walker Taylor.

Miss Eliza Meares.

An interesting letter from Mrs. Miller, of Asheville, member of this Committee, was read.

The Reciprocity Committee, Miss Hinton, Chairman, sent no report. Mrs. Waddell suggested that for the use of this Committee the reports sent the Corresponding Secretary would be valuable to County Committees, especial mention being made of an address by the Hon. Thomas Nelson Page at the Tri-Centennial at Jamestown.

The Registrar presented two pedigree papers for acceptance: Mrs. Dana Burgess VanDusen and Mrs. Hal M. Ashley.

Under new business, Mrs. Hairston spoke of the desecration and vandalism which, it is understood, has been committed to the ruins of old St. Phillips. Much regret was expressed at this state of affairs, and various plans were discussed for the protection of the historical

spot. Among other plans suggested to meet the situation, Miss Eliza Meares suggested that a care-taker might be employed, which plan may be employed later.

Mrs. Waddell spoke of the regret the Society felt that Dr. Rondthaler could not accept the invitation to address the Society.

Mrs. Waddell called attention to the Civic Primer sent the Society by the Illinois Society. The edition is highly recommended for the foreign-born English speaking students, and has been of great value to the Americanization work in that State.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET IREDELL MEARES LATIMER,

Recording Secretary.

## BOARD MEETING

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Following the Annual Meeting a short meeting of the Board of Managers was held.

It was moved and seconded that roll call and official reports be omitted. The business of the meeting was taken up, viz: The election of officers, resulting as follows:

Recording Secretary—Mrs. William Latimer.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. N. Harriss.

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. W. B. Thorpe.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. I. Campbell.

Registrar—Mrs. Walter Williamson.

There being no further business, upon motion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET IREDELL MEARES LATIMER,

Recording Secretary.



## In Memoriam

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MRS. JANE CUTLAR LEE,  
Fremont, N. C.

MRS. W. O. SHANNON,  
Henderson, N. C.

MRS. J. H. HALLIBURTON,  
Charlotte, N. C.

MRS. GEORGE P. COTCHETT,  
Wilmington, N. C.

MRS. CHARLES J. HATCH,  
Bradentown, Fla.

MRS. WALTER KENNEDY,  
Memphis, Tenn.

## REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY FROM JUNE 1, 1920 TO MAY 5th, 1920.

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

Three hundred and ninety-six letters have been written during the past year. These include the announcements to candidates for membership, letters of condolence, acknowledgements for the receipt of year books, circular letters and the general correspondence of the Society which has passed through the Corresponding Secretary's hands.

Notes of thanks have been written Mr. Henry Latimer for the beautiful Seal of the Society painted by himself and presented to the Society last July. Also for the gift of three pictures which now hang on our walls.

Fifty-nine lists of officers have been sent out, and several copies of the By-Laws.

Circular letters have been received from Alabama, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, New York, Oklahoma and Wisconsin, all reflecting the aftermath of the Great War; some telling of griefs suffered, others of acts of heroism performed, and all of duties accomplished. Each Society has picked up more or less the threads of its legitimate labors suddenly fallen from its hands in 1917. Each has found its way back in a measure to the social pleasures of yore, but in these letters of 1919 the note of solemnity lingers.

From Virginia has come the very interesting and valuable address of the Honorable Thomas Nelson Page on the occasion of the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the Settlement of Jamestown.

One invitation has been received, or rather a request for the names of any of our members who will be in Boston or vicinity on June 3rd, so that an invitation may be sent them for the annual reception at the Quincy Homestead.

All these courtesies have been duly acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,  
FRANCES LATHAM HARRISS,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

Annual Report from June 1, 1919, to May 4, 1920.

### Receipts.

Balance June 1, 1919		\$ 822.11
Initiations and Annual Dues	\$1,123.50	
Interest	18.94	
Interest on Liberty Bonds	9.10	
Certificates	4.50	
		1,156.04
Total received		\$1,978.15
Three Liberty Bonds, \$100 each		300.00
Grand Total		*\$2,278.15

### Disbursements:

Rent from June 1, 1919, to May 1, 1920	\$ 140.00
Plymouth Memorial	100.00
Expense Annual Meeting and Beach Excursion	180.25
Typewriting Minutes	17.25
Printing and Engraving	185.99
Examination of Pedigree Papers	28.00
Postage, Postals and Envelopes	47.50
Stationery	32.50
	\$ 998.49

\*Total, including balance June 1, 1919, and three Liberty Bonds.

Balance on hand May 4, 1920-----	\$ 979.66
Liberty Bonds-----	300.00
Total-----	<u>\$1,279.66</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
**VIRGINIA LEE MILTON,**  
*Treasurer.*

#### Janet Shaw Fund.

Balance June 1, 1919-----	\$ 420.40
Interest-----	17.05
Balance-----	<u>\$ 437.45</u>

#### Historical Research Fund.

Balance June 1, 1919-----	\$ 176.33
Interest-----	9.33
Deposit-----	250.00
	<u>\$ 435.66</u>

#### Disbursements.

Mrs. W. N. Harriss (Map)-----	\$ 2.00
Miss Mary H. Hinton (Photos)-----	2.00
Mrs. J. T. Taylor (Photos)-----	4.00
Miss Susan E. Collier (Photos)-----	2.25
	<u>\$ 10.25</u>
Balance-----	<u>\$ 425.41</u>



## REPORT OF TREASURER.

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Monthly Report from April 1, 1919, to May 1, 1920.

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### Receipts.

May 1, 1920, balance on hand	\$ 44.41
Received on initiations and annual dues	139.00
Received for Certificate and Engraving	4.50
Total	\$ 987.91

### Disbursements.

April 10.—Tiffany & Co. (Certificate and Engraving)	\$ 4.50
April 10.—Harriss Printing Co. (Post Cards)	4.75
April 10.—Miss Eliza Bellamy (April rent)	13.00
April 10.—Mrs. W. N. Harriss (Postage)	3.00
Total	\$ 25.25
Balance on hand May 1, 1920	962.66

Respectfully submitted,  
VIRGINIA LEE MILTON,  
*Treasurer.*

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## REPORT OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY COMMITTEE.

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(Too late to be read at meeting)

*Madam President and Members of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America:*

The Mecklenburg County Committee sends its greetings, and it is with pleasure that I submit a report.

The six regular meetings have been held at the homes of the members, and were well attended. Discussions and prepared papers on "Americanization" have been the theme of the meetings. Mrs. Schuyler, of New York, gave an especially interesting talk on this subject at the November meeting. Mrs. John VanLandingham, our efficient Chairman of the Americanization Committee, is making an earnest effort to establish a school for illiterates.

The Committee has been fortunate in having two visits from our honored President, Mrs. A. M. Waddell, who added much interest and inspiration to our Committee. We hope she will come often. The Historical Research Committee, with Miss Violet Alexander as Chairman, is doing valuable work in having photographs made of old portraits and historical points of interest. These will be sent to Wilmington later.

A number of gowns have been given to the Associated Charities, some giving cloth, others making them.

The Committee lost, by death, one of its most valuable members, Mrs. Lucy A. Halliburton. She will be missed as anything the Committee undertook, she always did her part so willingly and efficiently.

The Committee is glad to report that every member has paid her quota to the Plymouth Rock Fund.

The Mecklenburg Committee joins with the other historical organizations in helping to celebrate May 20th, 1919, with a beautiful float. Mrs. P. M. Brown added much to its success by her quaint, unique, Colonial costume.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. H. BELK.

## REPORT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

Since the last Annual Meeting the Assistant Secretary has sent monthly notices to the Board of Managers, these numbering 95; to the General Society, 65.

Have also sent every month reports of the monthly meetings to the chairmen of each County Committee, totaling 69. Have mailed 16 copies of the Constitution and By-Laws, and 7 copies of the Annual Report of 1918-1919.

Have written 76 letters and sent 300 blank ballots for the election of 1920. Sent one list of the officers of this Society. Had printed 500 postals for notifying the members of meetings.

Sent 151 invitations to the Annual Meeting, luncheon and reception, to Dames visiting in various towns.

Have made more than 100 telephone calls.

Respectfully submitted,  
MARGARET MEARES THORPE,  
*Assistant Secretary.*

May, 1920.

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## REPORT OF REGISTRAR.

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

It gives me pleasure to submit to you the report of the Registrar for the year 1919-1920.

Since May 1, 1919, death has claimed six of our members, one of whom was an associate of Tennessee. Three have been lost by transfer and one by resignation. They are as follows:

Mrs. William B. Porter, transferred to the Virginia Society.



Mrs. J. Leeds Barroll, Jr., transferred to the Pennsylvania Society.

Mrs. H. Lee Edwards, transferred to the Texas Society.

Mrs. W. H. Young, resigned.

One member has been gained by transfer to the North Carolina Society, Mrs. William T. Willett, of the Alabama Society, now residing in Washington, D. C.

One marriage has been recorded, that of Miss Grace Jones to Mr. Oscar K. Maulden.

Twenty-nine (29) orders for recognition pins and seven (7) orders for insignia of the Society have been sent to the National Registrar. Mrs. Waddell reported at the last Annual Meeting that she had asked the privilege of contributing one of the badges inherited by this Society to the American Numismatic Society. The Numismatic Society at the Council had asked to be allowed to purchase a badge to be added to its collection of insignia. Mrs. Waddell's offer was most graciously accepted, and the Registrar had the pleasure of forwarding this gift last June. It seems to have been received with grateful appreciation, as the Secretary of the Numismatic Society expressed in his letter of acknowledgment much pleasure in owning a badge which had been in use by a member of the National Society Colonial Dames of America, and guaranteed its safety from outside interference. Mrs. Dexter, National Registrar, also wrote that "it was a very happy suggestion of Mrs. Waddell, and a gracious action on the part of your Board to endorse her offer."

A request came last summer from the publishers of *Who's Who in America* for a complete list of the members of this Society, so as to insure proper representation in the sketches of the members whose names appear in the book, and the list was duly forwarded in July.



The correspondence of this office, along with the other varied duties, continues quite heavy, and if those who propose candidates would be a little more careful to follow the regulations as to the bringing in of new members, the work of the Registrar, as well as that of the Committee on Claims, would be considerably lessened.

There are at present 366 members of this Society and 198 associate, making a total of 564. Twenty-seven new names have been added to our list since last May, and they are as follows:

- 687—Mrs. Algernon Augustus Zollicoffer, Henderson, N. C.
- 688—Mrs. J. M. Anderson (Associate), Nashville, Tenn.
- 689—Mrs. Samuel Gill Boyle (Associate), Louisville, Ky.
- 690—Mrs. William E. Fenner, Rocky Mount, N. C.
- 691—Miss Eugenia Graham Clark, Raleigh, N. C.
- 692—Mrs. Russell Potter Reeder (Associate), Marbury, Ala.
- 693—Miss Lucile Wright Murchison, Wilmington, N. C.
- 694—Miss Jessica Randolph Smith, Henderson, N. C.
- 695—Mrs. William Sydnor Penick (Associate), New Orleans, La.
- 696—Mrs. G. Brooks La Boyteaux (Associate), Louisiana.
- 697—Mrs. Susannah Boone Wetmore, Arden, N. C.
- 698—Miss Augusta Tunstall Searcy (Associate), Tuscaloosa, Ala.
- 699—Mrs. Albert Sidney Guerard, Asheville, N. C.
- 700—Mrs. William McCully James, Ancon, Canal Zone.
- 701—Mrs. Walter Brooks (Associate), Detroit, Mich.
- 702—Miss Annie Van Meter Wilson, Black Mountain, N. C.
- 703—Mrs. Clark Wallace Thompson (Associate), Galveston, Tex.
- 704—Miss Jeanie Hawkins Strange, Wilmington, N. C.
- 705—Mrs. Isaac Hall Manning, Chapel Hill, N. C.
- 706—Mrs. George W. Graham, Charlotte, N. C.
- 707—Mrs. John Allen Walker (Associate), Brownwood, Texas
- 708—Mrs. Henry Mauger London, Raleigh, N. C.

- 709—Mrs. Frank Mason Ross, Wilmington, N. C.  
 710—Mrs. Swift Miller Boatwright, Wilmington, N. C.  
 711—Mrs. Arthur Bertram Skelding, Wilmington, N. C.  
 712—Mrs. Paul H. Bernhardt, Salisbury, N. C.  
 713—Mrs. Duncan Cameron Waddell, Asheville, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,  
 ELIZA B. WILLIAMSON,  
*Registrar.*

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### REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN OF THE REGISTER.

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Following is the report of the Custodian of the Register of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames:

Volumes on hand May 5, 1920	94
Balance in Bank	\$67.48

Respectfully submitted,  
 MRS. H. C. PRINCE.

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The Committee on Americanization made a report, after a brief introduction, as follows:

### REPORT OF AMERICANIZATION COMMITTEE.

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May 5, 1920.

*Madam President and Colonial Dames of the State of North Carolina:*

Judging from correspondence with the presidents and officers of other State Societies and communications from the National Society, your Committee on Americanization has been doing

just as the others have, for the most part, feeling its way. The Committee of the National Society has counseled us "to go slow." We have obeyed.

At the same time we have not been idle.

Could we carry on promptly our comprehensive program without having to convince the majority of its necessity, we would soon be far on the way to a new and heavenly earth.

We have tried to arrange for a series of addresses on a subject of obvious importance at this time, "The Fundamental Principles of Our Government." So far, available speakers are too much occupied with other interests; but we will begin the series we hope before long.

Our intention to hold a brief ceremony when candidates for citizenship receive their naturalization papers is awaiting only the co-operation of the American Legion, which has been delayed owing to a change of officers in that organization.

We have been working all winter through various moving picture firms to have American history taught the general public on the screen. It seems to be a new idea to film producers, which, we hope, will bear fruit in the near future. What films have been found for use in schools, etc., have the faults of most of our text book histories, in that they do not emphasize the constructive events, thoughts and ideas of the whole country, but exhibit too much local color to make them really worth while.

Our percentage of foreign born population is, of course, quite small, so the efforts of your committee must necessarily be expended on general educational lines to raise the standard of citizenship; but we have offered our services to those who have in charge the small colonies of foreigners at Castle Hayne, and await their invitation to lend our aid.



We have received a copy of the Civic Primer, printed by the Illinois Society, and used in their extensive work among their large population of the foreign born, and it is so admirable that it is recommended that our Society purchase some copies for distribution here and through our County Committees when needed.

The one suggestion from this Committee which is bearing instant fruit is the contest for a prize of Five Dollars for the best essay on some phase of citizenship offered to high schools in those towns throughout the State where we have County Committees. The subject here at headquarters for the Wilmington High School is, "The Responsibility of Citizenship." This prize may be contested for at any time during the current year.

Several letters have come to me asking most appealingly, "Just what is 'Americanization?'" It looks so huge and sounds so awesome." It does, just that. Especially to those of us who have racked our feeble wits for the last year to find an answer.

Is it not the necessity to restore the high ideals of life and government of our fathers? Ideals of honor, integrity of purpose, their active sense of responsibility and passion for justice to every channel of our national life? Ideals which we have sacrificed to the great god Greed, until every artery is hardening into what all serious thinkers recognizes as the death throes of our civilization.

Our fathers came to this land with their hearts lifted up to God, and their hands stretched out to humanity. There was a time when the word "America" brought a glow of hope and reverence to the eyes of the oppressed everywhere. Later there came the gleam of cupidity—America was the land of much money—and to money all things whatsoever were allowed. When the



Great War came an echo from the past filled our souls for a moment and inspired us to catch a glimpse of the old vision of humanity. But it seems to have died away with the thunder of the guns, and left us as a people worshipping at the same old shrine of the god of Greed.

Formerly only the chosen few might enter his temple, while the many stood outside and envied; now the many are thrusting their way in with rude hands, and all the work of the world is being neglected for his worship.

It may be that this will save us—will force us to change our standard of success from cash to character.

And it is the effort to retrace our steps, re-find our old ideals and bring about this change of standard which is the core of what we term "Americanization."

Respectfully submitted,  
FRANCES LATHAM HARRISS,  
*Chairman Americanization Committee.*

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC RECORDS.

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*Madam President and Members of the North Carolina Society of  
Colonial Dames of America:*

Realizing what a rich harvest of valuable historical data could be gathered in our beloved State by even a slight effort, and what untold blessings would result for us and posterity by reaping this harvest, we have been carefully looking the ground over and trying to plan our work so as to have such results as will substantiate for all time our claims as to the prowess of North Carolina.

After much consideration the letter attached was sent, not only to each member of our Committee, but also to each chairman of a County Committee and to some member of the Society in the towns where there is no County Committee, explaining our aims and outlining some plans by which we might hope to achieve those aims. In this letter we urged that we might have something tangible to report today.

Many replies have been received, and from them you may get an idea of what we may hope for in the future.

Mrs. Andrews, of Raleigh, has appointed a strong committee, headed by Mrs. Hubert Royster; she also offers us a portrait and history of the "Clay Tree," and we have asked for the copy and history of the portrait of King George in their possession.

Mrs. Allison writes that she thinks Mrs. Patterson, of Concord, will take care of the work there.

Mrs. Ludlow says, "Winston will help." That means much, for there is so much to be found in that vicinity; not a farmhouse for many miles radius but that has its relics of the early settlers.

Mrs. Hines is trying to get Kinston interested.

We are expecting Mrs. Spruill to unearth much for us in Nash.

Mrs. Weddell writes: "I am having some photographs taken of some Colonial things to send you by May. I have promised the assistance of a very patriotic, capable and enthusiastic lady in a short time."

Charlotte has put the work in charge of Miss Violet Alexander and a strong committee, who, we know, will accomplish much. We hoped she would have the history and portraits of the Burr-Cornwallis Tree for this meeting.

Asheville's committee, under Mrs. Miller, has made a fine

start, and one we hope all the others will copy. She has arranged and sent to all the teachers (more than 200) of the county a letter asking their hearty co-operation in this work through their pupils. She says: "I am hopeful that some specific results will follow, but if nothing more is accomplished than the fact of arousing and stimulating interest (of the young) in Colonial times, manners and customs, I shall feel that our labor has not been in vain."

Thus you see the first sprouting of our seeds, and as time rolls on may we, each of us, be among the reapers who will gather the grain, separate it from the chaff, and preserve to all time the fruit of our pioneer forefathers' deeds

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. (W. M.) GERTRUDE B. CREASY,  
*Chairman of Committee for Preservation of Historic Records*  
*North Carolina Society Colonial Dames of America.*

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## REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

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*Madam President and Dames of the North Carolina Society of  
Colonial Dames of America:*

Sidney Smith, the witty canon of St. Paul's, London, whose sayings and repartees have become proverbial since the eighteenth century, writes, "Mankind and womankind, are always happier for having been happy, and if you make them happy now, you make them happy twenty years by the memory of it." Dames,

"Who through your hearts today,  
Feel the gladness of the May."

I bid you again welcome to our Annual Meeting; yes, Dames of the Old North State, thrice welcome to our ancient city, the



old borough town of the lower Cape Fear, one of the oldest and dramatic in incidents that have befallen it—in our State—so fraught with tragic events unsurpassed in American history.

Far back in Colonial days, "Those days of chivalry and powdered heads," dwelt high born dames and high born damsels on the banks of our bonny Clarendon, now the Cape Fear. So many were of the best type in the dear old Province who, from the time of Virginia Dare, have wielded a powerful but quiet influence in the upbuilding of our country. Quiet, yes, for one writer speaks of those "gracious dames, whose names we dare not print," who were quite content to appear in print twice, at marriage and at death. These Dames were not more venerated for matronly virtues or maidenly charms than our Dames of 1920.

The work of another year in our calendar has been recorded—a year of reconstruction and unrest, and many things in our State have not reached completion, but the great work goes on. All honor to our Dames, for today the Colonial Dames of America stand on the highest plane, acknowledged the most praiseworthy organization in America. Ah! Scotland's greatest poet was right when he gave utterance to the sentiment:

"Her prentice hand she tried on man,  
And then He made the Lassies, O!"

Believe me, the highest ideals in citizenship for the future is largely in the hands of the women of the country. In our great work of Americanization, which is to be continued with renewed interest and zeal (our National Historian tells us this work began twenty-six years ago, when our Colonial Dames received their charter under Article II of the Constitution, when the Society began to stimulate true patriotism and genuine love of country), the North Carolina Dames have offered five dollars



in the High Schools for the best essay on Americanization, and our State is awakening, and deep interest is evinced in the growth of the work which is to be accomplished.

Our Greensboro Dames are interested in the preservation of "old Buffalo Church." The church was organized in 1756; the first building erected in 1763. It is the oldest church in Guilford County. Dr. David Caldwell was its pastor for fifty-four years.

Colonial Dames, the Old North State has been very modest in urging her claims. It is not true that real worth requires no interpreter, and it is high time that we, the descendants of the best type of American chivalry and American womanhood, should urge that the truth of history warrants North Carolina in claiming some facts in which she was first in the new world. One of our representatives in Washington this month injected some interesting history relating to our State, when a bill authorizing the appointment of a commission to arrange for the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims on Plymouth Rock, and making an appropriation. He ended by saying: "If the celebration of Jamestown and Plymouth Rock is to commemorate the intrepid courage and spirits of the men who founded this country, then Roanoke Island, the birthplace of the first white child of English parentage in the new world, the place where the first rite of Christian baptism was administered, is also equally entitled to recognition and establishment of a permanent memorial."

The expedition of Sir Walter Raleigh, the accomplished courtier, the daring navigator, poet and learned historian, our first Lord Proprietor, landed at Roanoke thirty-six years earlier than the Pilgrims, 1584—Jamestown was settled in 1607; Plymouth Rock, 1620. We must reiterate these facts, "Lest we forget; lest they forget!"

First were our people in 1771 to shed blood in resistance to British tyranny. First opposed to tax on tea by organized authority—1774. First against the taxation acts, 1775. We could mention fourteen of these great events in which history records the Old North State as first.

“The world doth owe thee at this day,  
And which it never can repay;  
Yet scarcely deigns to own.”

“Daughters preserve the virtues of their ancestors.”

“*Our Motto, Virtutes majorum felicie conservant.*”

“And forever and forever,  
As long as the river flows,  
As long as the heart has passions,  
As long as life has woes,”

will we work to commemorate the brave deeds and virtues of our forefathers, so fraught with fragrant memories.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE G. MEARES,

*Historian.*

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## REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

In the midst of our pleasure in reuniting for our Annual Meeting, it is with deep regret we realize that six of our honored members have passed away in the last year.

In September, 1919, we received notice of the death of Mrs. Jane Cutlar Lee at her home in Fremont. Born in Wilmington, for many years she made this city her home, and was one of the

early treasurers of this Society, and a member of the Board of Managers.

Mrs. W. O. Shannon, one of the oldest members of the Vance County Committee, and a leader in patriotic work in the State, died at her home in Henderson during November.

In January we lost two members, Mrs. J. H. Halliburton, of Charlotte, and Mrs. George P. Cotchett, of Wilmington. Mrs. Cotchett was a faithful member of the Board of Managers, and one of our most beloved members.

"If we daily do our duty  
With her singleness of aim,  
We shall see His wondrous beauty,  
And shall magnify His name.  
We may not be highly gifted,  
We may fill a little space;  
But the meek shall be uplifted,  
And the pure ones see His face."

Notice has been received recently of the death in Bradentown, Fla., of Mrs. Charles J. Hatch, a member of this Society, and also of Mrs. Walker Kennedy, of Memphis, Tenn., an Associate member.

Respectfully submitted,  
JENNIE ATKINSON MURCHISON.

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#### REPORT OF ST. PHILIP'S COMMITTEE.

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Balance reported June 1st, 1919	\$376.07
Interest	11.43
Interest, Liberty Bonds	8.49
Cash balance to date, May 1st, 1920	\$395.99

Respectfully submitted,  
SUE MOORE McQUEEN,  
*Chairman.*



## REPORT OF STATE CHAIRMAN OF THE PLYMOUTH COMMEMORATION FUND.

Balance reported June 1st, 1919.....	\$ 52.98
Receipts, assessments paid in.....	184.50
Interest.....	1.70
Interest on Liberty Bonds.....	2.12
	<hr/> \$241.30
<i>Disbursements.</i>	
To excess assessments.....	\$ 11.00
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Balance May 1st, 1920.....	\$230.30

Respectfully submitted,  
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Preservation of Historic Records Committee, Mrs.  
Creasy, Chairman, gave the following report:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC RECORDS.

Wilmington, N. C., March 23, 1920.

*To the Members of the Committee for Preservation of Historic  
Records and Chairmen of County Committees of the North  
Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America:*

My Dear Friends:—

The National Society of Colonial Dames feels that now the awful strain of war work is over, and our minds and souls are once again free from the fearful strain of waiting—for what—God only knew but we hoped for cessation of strife—it is more



than ever incumbent upon us to press forward in the great causes for which the Colonial Dames were organized.

The keynote of our aim is Americanization—and patriotism or “stimulating a spirit of true patriotism and genuine love of country” in all within our borders, both native and foreigners.

To do this it behooves that we preserve in every way possible all that remains of those, our ancestors, “the earliest patriots, who by their self-sacrifice and heroism, laid the foundation of this great nation.”

For the better accomplishment of this work a Committee for the Preservation of Historic Records was appointed, and the duties of this Committee are thus defined: “Securing originals or having copies made of wills, deeds, Bible records, marriage certificates and samplers, making copies of tombstone inscriptions, old letters and genealogical records, having copies made of parish registers, Court House records, for publication or otherwise, and catalogueing and filing the same, to arouse interest of civil and ecclesiastical authorities; to have all records placed in fire-proof buildings.”

North Carolina is a wonderful storehouse of historical data which must be preserved for generations yet to come, and I appeal to you for assistance in this work of pleasure, as I am sure you will find it the more you find and learn of our State’s almost inexhaustable riches along these lines, the more eagerly you will want to pre-forward. Owing to the great amount of historical data in our midst, I am asking that you, as Chairman of a County Committee, appoint one or more members to work in your county; these to gather data and carry on the work as seems best for the preservation of your local history.

To you, a member of the State Committee, I ask that you take especial charge of the work in the adjoining counties that have

no County Committee. You to work it out as seems best—but I would suggest that if you could get some public-spirited man or woman in these communities interested he or she would prove of invaluable assistance.

Perhaps a few suggestions might help. Try to get the teachers of history in the schools to encourage their pupils to look for such records in their own homes, bring them to school and discuss them fully in the class. This would not only assist us, but would instill a deeper love for true history and pride in local and State history.

In Edenton are the tombs of the Colonial Governors, wonderful treasures in St. Paul's vestry records, historic buildings and portraits of men and women who bore the brunt of pioneer hardships and royal oppressions. The buildings, tombs and portraits should be photographed and records copied. This one town has enough to keep a Committee busy for years.

Then Winston-Salem and all that wonderful Moravian country surrounding. The portraits of the early schools, founders, old Bibles, etc. Wilmington has St. James Church yard, historical mansions, and Greensboro has its Quaker settlements, as have Wayne, Lenoir and Carteret. (I wonder how many of you knew that Susan B. Anthony's mother was a young Quakeress of Carteret County.) Bath's old church, and Charlotte's records of revolutionary patriots, Craven's church and vestry records, all data about Governor Tryon's palace and copy of portrait of same; Elizabeth City's mementoes of Teach, and the portraits of Burr's daughter; Roanoke Island's legends and historic spots; Lenoir's grave of Caswell, Tower Hill, General Croom's grave; Fayetteville and surrounding country's Scottish history and records; Salisbury's mementoes of the days previous to 1775—many old family heirlooms of silver and cut glass with

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In conclusion, I assure you if there is any information or assistance that you need, and I can get it from any source, I will gladly do so.

Please, when getting these things together, not only have your own copies, which you should carefully preserve in fire-proof vaults, but also send me at least two copies, one for a central State Exhibit, and the other for the National Exhibit. Please try and send me something before the annual meeting in May.

I would ask your indulgence as to the lateness of this letter, but I have been a victim of influenza.

With best wishes, and the desire that we may have good work accomplished for our dear State and Society.

Yours cordially,

GERTRUDE B. CREASY,

*North Carolina Chairman Committee*

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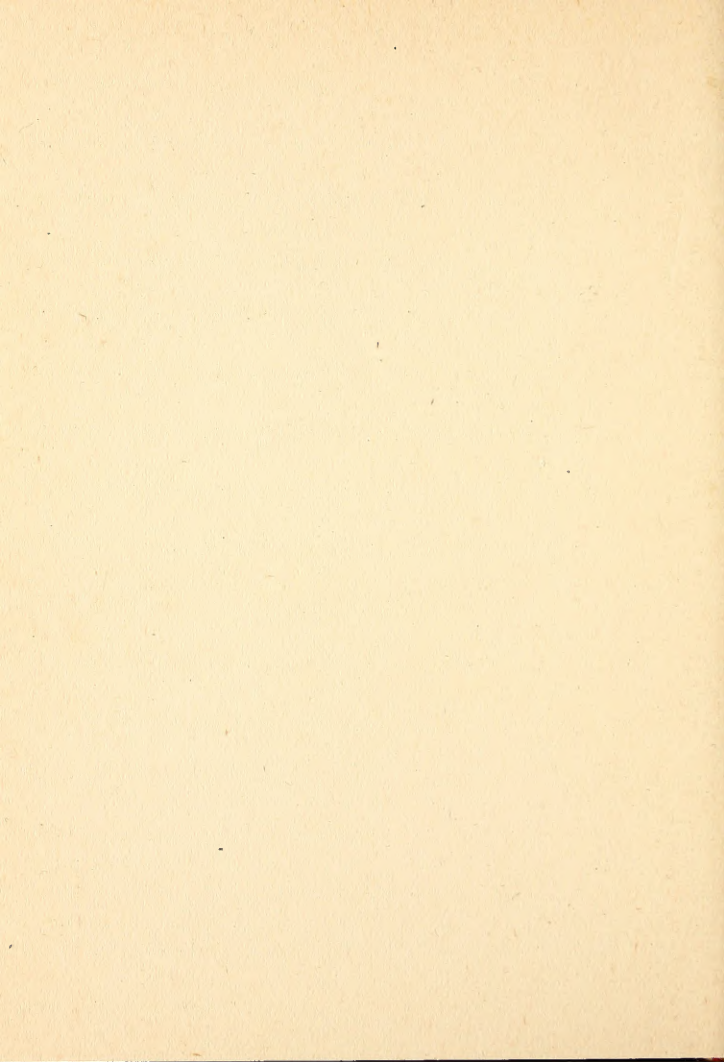
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## MINUTES

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames was held on Monday, June 6, 1921, at 10:30 in the Parish House of St. James Church. The change from the rooms of the Society being necessary on account of a larger number of the Society being expected.

The President in the Chair called the meeting to order. All joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

The Secretary read the Preamble and Article II of the National Constitution. The roll was called with fifty-five town members present and twenty out-of-town: Mrs. Thos. W. Bickett, Raleigh, N. C.; Miss Nan Clark, Tarboro, N. C.; Miss Sally Dorch, Raleigh, N. C.; Mrs. I. W. Faison, Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. B. H. Griffin, Raleigh, N. C.; Mrs. Albert Guerard, Asheville, N. C.; Mrs. R. L. Gwyn, Kinston, N. C.; Mrs. C. F. Harvey, Kinston, N. C.; Mrs. Thos. G. Hyman, New Bern, N. C.; Mrs. Chas. C. Hook, Charlotte, N. C.; Miss Athalia Lord, Asheville, N. C.; Mrs. H. A. London, Fayetteville, N. C.; Mrs. C. C. Mitchell, Asheville, N. C.; Mrs. James Parrott, Kinston, N. C.; Mrs. J. E. Reilley, Charlotte, N. C.; Miss Lida Rodman, Washington, N. C.; Mrs. Simon Sitterson, Kinston, N. C.; Mrs. James G. Staton, Williamston, N. C.; Mrs. J. L. Staton, Charlotte, N. C.; Miss Mary DeVane, Goldsboro, N. C.

Telegrams of greeting were received from Mrs. Frank Spruill, Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Mrs. Harden Hairston and Mrs. W. M. Creasy.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting be omitted as they had been printed and sent to every member of the Society.

The reports of the following officers were then read and passed upon: Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Assistant Secretary, Committee on Claims, Custodian of Register. Chair-

man of Committee on Necrology read her report, all members standing. There was no report from the Historian on account of her extreme illness extending over several weeks. Mrs. Waddell made a few remarks, reviewing the work of the Society for the past year.

Miss Rodman spoke interestingly of the work of County Committees, taking of historical data, etc. Mrs. Prince read the report for Chairman of Historical Records, she being unavoidably absent from the City. Americanization Committee report was given by Mrs. Harriss. Mrs. MacRae, a member of that Committee, told most interestingly of a service for the admission of foreign-born citizens held in Wilmington in May, at which time one man of German descent was denied citizenship, as it was proved he was unworthy.

Mrs. Griffin asked if Mrs. Bickett would tell the Society what Dr. Brooks was doing for the Historical Association in the line of pageants, etc. Mrs. Hook spoke on the subject of censorship of moving pictures. Mrs. Harriss supplemented her report and gave incidents of the value of individual censorship, as did also Mrs. Prince and Mrs. Ross.

Report of Forsyth County Committee was read by Miss McQueen, Mecklenburg County Committee, by Mrs. Faison and Wayne County Committee, by Miss DeVane.

A verbal report was given of Buncombe County Committee, Cabarrus County Committee, Craven County Committee, Lenoir County Committee, Nash County Committee, Wake County Committee by their several representatives and were listened to with great interest. There was no report from the Washington Town Committee.

The report of the "Janet Schaw Diary" was given by Mrs. Clayton Giles and was received with interest.

At 1:30 the meeting was adjourned for luncheon.

## Afternoon Session

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At 3:20 o'clock the afternoon session was opened.

The President called the meeting to order, proceeding directly to business.

Election of officers was called for—the President called Mrs. Latimer to the chair to conduct the election, which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. A. M. Waddell; Vice-President, Mrs. William Latimer; Non-Resident Vice-Presidents, Mrs. C. F. Harvey, Kinston, N. C., Mrs. Edwin Pearson Parker, Washington, D. C.; Members of the Board, Miss Jennie Murchison, Mrs. Donald MacRae, Mrs. W. B. Thorpe, Mrs. W. N. Harriss and Mrs. Louis T. Moore

Mrs. Waddell gave briefly a few points of the meeting of the Biennial Council in Washington, stating that because of the illness of the delegate who had taken the notes there was no report. It was stated that there is a deficit in the amount necessary to pay for the Plymouth Memorial, which payment must be met by the National Society in August. North Carolina will, of course, wish to increase the amount she has already given to this fund, and so the Society was asked to take up the matter. Much discussion followed as to amount to be given, etc., and Mrs. Parrott offered the following motion: "I move that the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames be asked to contribute \$1.00 per capita to the Plymouth Memorial and that the new members who have not yet paid the \$1.00 assessment be asked to contribute \$1.00 in addition to the original assessment, making a total of \$2.00 for new members."—Lost.

An amendment was made by Mrs. James G. Staton, seconded by Mrs. Reilley, that the new members be asked to contribute \$1.00



or more to the Memorial.—Passed.

Reference was made to the publication of the "Janet Schaw Diary" and to the fact that the contribution would have to be increased. After discussion, Mrs. Hook moved that we add \$300.00 to this object. Mrs. Harvey seconded the motion.—Passed.

Another publication was presented to the Society for publication by Miss Rodman—"The Journal of William Atmore." Miss Rodman spoke of the value of this volume to the history of North Carolina. No idea could be given of the cost of the volume and Mrs. Reilley moved that a committee be appointed to report the cost, etc. Amended that Miss Rodman be Chairman. Mrs. Staton, of Charlotte, nominated Miss Clark as member of this committee. The committee now stands, Miss Rodman, Chairman, Miss Clark, Mrs. Hyman and Miss Eliza Meares. The committee to report in the fall.

Mrs. Waddell asked Mrs. Bickett to speak about the training camp for women near Asheville, which talk proved interesting to all the members.

Craven County Committee asked for help in marking the Tryon Palace. Mrs. Hyman offered the petition which was heard and \$100.00 was promised when the petition was presented to the Board.

A touching and beautiful resolution was offered by Miss Rodman on the illness of Miss Caroline Meares.

Discussion was brought up on the question of limiting the membership of the Society. Mrs. Hook moved that Mrs. Waddell appoint a committee to consider this matter and submit the result to the Board.—Passed.

Mrs. Williamson called the attention of the members to the fact that the pedigree blanks had increased in cost to print. It was

moved by Mrs. London that an additional charge be made on the blanks to cover cost.—Passed.

Miss Lord presented the Society with the prize essay, written by William Johnston Cocke, Jr., of Buncombe County. This essay will be read before the Society at some future time.

Mrs. Harriss stated, while not a member of the Roanoke Association Committee, she would like to say that while in Washington she was asked by the President of the Pocahontas Association if she thought it likely that the Roanoke Association would co-operate with the Pocahontas Association in establishing a light on the shore of Roanoke Island to guide ships and sailors, in perpetual memory of our forefathers who landed on those shores. The members were most interested and after discussion the following motion was made and accepted:

“I move that this Society endorse and co-operate with the Pocahontas Association in erecting a light or some marker on Roanoke Island, North Carolina.” (Signed) Mrs. I. W. Faison.

The Corresponding Secretary was asked to write the President of the Pocahontas Association of the actions of the Society.

The President asked if there was any further business or questions to be asked before she declared the meeting adjourned. Mrs. Hook arose to express her appreciation and that of the out-of-town members for all courtesies shown them and to our President for her tact and unfailing knowledge in conducting this most interesting and delightful meeting.

The President graciously thanked Mrs. Hook for her expressions of appreciation, declaring it had been a pleasure long looked for having so many out-of-town members present at these meetings and hoping we would have as many more every year.

She thereupon declared the Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames adjourned *Sine die*.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET IREDELL MEARES LATIMER,  
*Recording Secretary.*

# IN MEMORIAM

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MRS. THOMAS SETTLE

Asheville

MRS. FRANK WOOD

Hillsboro

MRS. PAUL HINTON LEE

Raleigh



*Members of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames:*

As at certain seasons a business will pause to take stock, so there are times when it behooves organizations to examine themselves and face the question, are we worth while; are we fulfilling the aim and purpose of our existence? To those who know anything of the workings of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America, an affirmative answer springs spontaneously to their lips, but after all the working units of the National Society are the Corporate Societies, of which we are one, and it is our own worthwhileness we want to question. It may be of interest to our newest members to hear a brief sketch of the beginnings of our National Organization.

It was organized in Philadelphia, on April 8, 1891, and is an historic-patriotic society brought into being by a desire to rescue from destruction buildings, sites and relics of the Colonial period, which were fast disappearing and interest in which seemed to be smothered by the thrilling events of the Revolutionary period. Its membership was at first confined to the thirteen original states, but soon realizing that descendants of those same Colonial ancestors were scattered all over the country, the Constitution was amended in 1898 to allow Associate Societies to be formed in non-Colonial States. However, in order to give just prestige to the thirteen original states, they are allowed a larger representation in the Councils of the National Society.

The District of Columbia was adopted as the Domicile of the Society and every Council, with the exception of the first in 1892, has been held there. Each Corporate Society is sovereign and independent, makes its own laws, passes on the eligibility of its members, who are not confined to that state but who are also members of a non-Colonial Society. Every Dame is a member of her own

State Society and also of the National Society, but there are no "Dames at large."

The National Councils are held every two years and are marked by a decorum, dignity and courtesy, which are unequaled. This restraint is attainable probably because of the law which forbids reporters, spectators, visitors, whether Dames or not, at the meetings. Only the National Officers and accredited delegates and alternates are allowed on the floor.

The aims of the Society are historical, commemorative, restorative and educational. Under these heads we will briefly review some of our work in the twenty-seven years of our existence, and see if we are rightly functioning.

When we think of the new and unmarked trails followed by our wise pioneer and founder, Mrs. George Kidder, our admiration and gratitude are challenged. She laid the foundations for all future accomplishments. Under her leadership was erected the shaft to Cornelius Harnett and the heroes of the first open armed resistance to the Stamp Act. This was followed by the boulder marking the site of Governor Tryon's palace at Russelborough, and one on the site of Fort Johnston, the first fort in the Province of North Carolina.

Lawson, North Carolina's first historian, who was so cruelly martyred by the Indians, is commemorated by a boulder in front of the Court House in Goldsboro, and we also placed one at the home, near Kinston, of William Heritage, for thirty years Clerk of the Assembly.

Early in the history of the Society one of its members placed a tablet in St. Philip's Church to Maurice Moore, one of the founders of the vanished town of Brunswick, and who gave the site on which the Church was built.

Our beautiful custom of making a Pilgrimage to those beautiful

ruins was interrupted by the War, but it is our hope to resume them at an early day, though we will sorely miss the presence of one who, more than any other, made those occasions successful, Mrs. James Sprunt.

Tho' we attempted no restorative work on St. Philip's, we arrested further decay.

Under the auspices of the Mecklenburg County Committee a tablet commemorating the twenty-seven signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, was placed in the Capitol at Raleigh.

The study of our Colonial history, copying records, tombstone inscriptions, photographing old documents, all have been taken up with zeal by the County Committees, and we hope that much valuable history may be brought to light.

For some years prizes were given at Chapel Hill for the best essays on Colonial subjects, and good work was done.

During the four years of war everything was abandoned for Relief Work, but we are gradually finding our way back to legitimate channels.

North Carolina, of course, has always been a generous contributor to the work outlined by the National Society, such as the Old Silver Book, Sulgrave Manor, the Plymouth Memorial, etc.

Americanization is the great problem of the day, in which we are trying to have a share, but to speak of that more fully would be to tread on the steps of our Chairman, who will present a full report.

I can not close without recommending that we bend every effort to adequately mark Roanoke Island, co-operating with the Roanoke Island Association.

There is much to be done and I have omitted much that has been done, but even this imperfect outline assures us that we are alive to our responsibilities and that our accomplishments, while not sensational, in some small measure "repay the debt we owe our ancestors."

GABERILLE DE G. DE R. WADDELL,

*President.*

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## REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

*Madam President and Members of the North Carolina Society of  
Colonial Dames of America:*

During the past year two hundred and seventy-two letters have been written. Forty-three lists of officers made and stationery sent from time to time to Asheville, Charlotte and Fayetteville.

Letters of condolence to several of the State Societies have been written, notes of thanks for invitations, circular letters, official lists and year books.

A note of thanks has been written Mr. Adam Empie for two historical books presented by him to the Society.

Issues of the Annual Reports from 1911 to date have been mailed to the Custodian of the University Library at Chapel Hill, upon request, issues prior to that date I have not thus far been able to obtain.

A small copy of the first map of our Coast has been mailed to Mrs. Starr, Chairman of the National Committee for the preservation of existing records.



Annual reports, year books, lists of officers and circular letters have been received from many of the State Societies, for which we wish to express our cordial thanks and appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES LATHAM HARRISS.

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## REPORT OF TREASURER

Annual Report from May 1, 1920, to April 30, 1921

### RECEIPTS

Balance, May 1, 1921.....	\$ 962.69
Initiation of twenty-seven new Members.....	459.00
Initiation of nine Associate Members.....	135.00
Annual Dues.....	699.30
Life Memberships (2).....	150.00
Interest.....	32.23
Plymouth Memorial Fund.....	4.75
Refund for Check sent Mrs. Griffith.....	2.50
Refund from Research Fund.....	5.00
Total.....	<hr/> \$2,450.44

### DISBURSEMENTS

Rent of Rooms.....	\$ 153.50
Civic Primers.....	3.25
Carolina Printing Company (Notice of Dues).....	5.50
Prize Essays.....	20.00
Annual Luncheon and Reception.....	241.68
Initiation Fee Returned.....	17.00

To Plymouth Memorial Fund (Sent with Dues).....	5.25
Northam's (Receipt Blanks).....	.90
Harriss Printing Company.....	12.50
Rehder (Funeral Design).....	5.00
Griffin (Check from Mrs. Waddell).....	2.50
Jackson & Bell (Application Blanks).....	110.00
Historical Research Fund.....	5.00
Capitation Tax on 378 Members.....	283.50
Miss French (Copying Minutes).....	35.15
Dr. Rondthaler (Expenses for Americanization Lecture)	36.18
Miss Kingsbury (Examining Pedigree Papers).....	74.00
Stamps.....	32.05
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$1,042.96</b>

Balance on hand May 1, 1921.....	\$1,407.48
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Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE MURCHISON,  
*Treasurer.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1921

### RECEIPTS

May 1st, Balance on hand.....	\$1,407.48
May 3rd Mrs. R. L. Henly, Initiation and Dues.....	17.00
Mrs. James Menzies, Initiation and Dues.....	17.00
Mrs. R. L. Thompson, Initiation and Dues.....	17.00
Mrs. H. Gilbert Foard, Initiation and Dues.....	17.00
Mrs. George E. Wilson, Jr., Initiation and Dues..	17.00
Mrs. H. M. Wade, Initiation and Dues.....	17.00

Mrs. P. W. Delano, Initiation and Dues.....	17.00
Mrs. George N. Harriss, Initiation and Dues.....	17.00
Miss Kathrine McD. Robinson, Initiation and Dues.....	17.00
Mrs. James F. Sears, Initiation and Dues.....	17.00
Mrs. Walter P. Taylor, Initiation and Dues.....	17.00
Mrs. Edward K. Powe, Initiation and Dues.....	17.00
Miss Christine Memminger, Initiation and Dues..	17.00
Mrs. William E. Shipp, Initiation and Dues.....	17.00
Mrs. Eugene Robbins, Initiation Fee.....	15.00
Dues from 11 Members.....	26.00

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Total.....\$1,686.48

DISBURSEMENTS

Miss Bellamy (Rent).....	\$ 13.00
Miss French (Copying March Minutes).....	3.90
Miss Kingsbury (Examining Pedigree Papers (26)).....	52.00
C. W. Yates & Company (1 Dozen Silk Flags).....	2.25
C. W. Yates & Company.....	5.75
Wilmington Printing Co. (Constitution and By-Laws (500)) .....	60.00
Harriss Printing Company.....	11.40
Jackson & Bell (Application Blanks).....	12.00
Bailey, Banks & Biddle (Stationery).....	58.00
Miss May French (Copying April Minutes).....	5.40
Tide Water Power Co. (Connecting Gas Stove).....	2.50

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Total.....\$ 226.20

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Balance on hand June 1, 1921.....\$1,460.28

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE MURCHISON,

*Treasurer.*

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR

*Madam President and Ladies of The North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America:*

I have the honor of presenting to you the report of the Registrar from May 1, 1920 to June, 1921.

A greater number of candidates have been admitted this year and are now in the process of admission to the Society than in any previous year. Fifty new names have been added to our membership list and thirty-three or more candidates have passed second reading, only awaiting the acceptance of their pedigree papers to become full members. So you can readily see that the growth of the Society is far greater than usual. Last year only twenty-eight candidates were admitted, and the year before only twenty-one. This influx of course means an immense increase in the amount of work for both the Committee on Claims and the Registrar. We have lost by death only three members since we last met in annual session, Mrs. Thomas Settle, Mrs. Paul H. Lee and Mrs. Frank Wood. One member, Mrs. Dana Burgess Van Dusen, has been transferred to the Nebraska Society. One member has been gained by transfer, Mrs. L. B. Morse, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, from the Mississippi Society, who is an associate of the Virginia Society. Mrs. Eugene Robbins, who was dropped from membership some years ago, was recently reinstated, both as an associate of North Carolina and as a member of the Alabama Society.

Two supplemental pedigree papers have been accepted by the Board and were registered, those of Miss Sue M. McQueen and Miss Anne Van Meter Wilson, of Black Mountain, North Carolina.

Three marriages of members have been recorded, Miss Elise Y.



Kidder to Lieut.-Com. William P. Wishaar, in November, 1920, and Miss Catherine Davis Williams to Mr. H. Gilbert Foard, in April, 1921, and Mrs. Peter Marshall Brown to Mr. J. L. Billingsly, of Miami, Fla.

Permits to the number of twenty-nine for recognition pins and twelve for insignia of the Society have been issued.

The Registrar has carried on an extensive correspondence during the year and has sent out all pedigree blanks requested, and has made out and sent to the National Officers various reports required. Until very recently the Registrar has been the keeper of the application slips also, but they are now, in accordance with the by-laws, to be kept and given out by the Corresponding Secretary.

There are at present four hundred and eight members and two hundred and seven associate members, making a total of six hundred and fifteen. The following members have been admitted and registered since May 1, 1920:

- 714—Mrs. Harold Harrison Ashley, Hendersonville, N. C.
- 715—Miss Julia Irwin, Charlotte, N. C.
- 716—Mrs. Thomas P. Cheesborough, Asheville, N. C.
- 717—Mrs. Richard Philip Holt, Rocky Mount, N. C.
- 718—Mrs. David I. Fort, Raleigh, N. C.
- 719—Mrs. Joseph Edwin Bryan (Associate), Jacksonville, Fla.
- 720—Mrs. Dana Van Dusen, Omaha, Neb.
- 721—Mrs. William Alexander Smith, Ansonville, N. C.
- 722—Mrs. Walter Clark, Jr., Charlotte, N. C.
- 723—Mrs. Leo Frank Foster, Belmont, N. C.
- 724—Miss Margaret Holmes Coulson, Washington, D. C.
- 725—Mrs. John O. McReynolds (Associate), Dallas, Texas.
- 726—Mrs. Samuel L. Earle (Associate), Birmingham, Ala.

- 727—Mrs. Andrew H. Milstead, Charlotte, N. C.  
728—Miss Kate Huske Broadfoot, Fayetteville, N. C.  
729—Miss Charlotte Christine Nelson (Associate), Goodman, Miss.  
730—Mrs. Rutus Lenoir Gwyn, Lenoir, N. C.  
731—Mrs. George Anderson Rose, Henderson, N. C.  
732—Mrs. Edward Mayo Land, Goldsboro, N. C.  
733—Miss Jane Evans Williams, Linden, N. C.  
734—Mrs. John Thomas MacMahon, Asheville, N. C.  
735—Mrs. Benjamin Darby Orgain (Associate), Bastrop, Texas.  
736—Mrs. Jesse Foster Roache, Wilmington, N. C.  
737—Mrs. Thomas Gardner Kenan (Associate), Selma, Ala.  
738—Mrs. James Blake Kennard (Associate), Gonzales, Texas.  
739—Mrs. Rufus Napoleon Garrett, El Dorado, Ark.  
740—Mrs. Joseph Franklin Cannon, Concord, N. C.  
741—Mrs. Frank K. Borden, Goldsboro, N. C.  
742—Mrs. Robert W. Powell, Goldsboro, N. C.  
743—Mrs. Arthur Lillington Smith, Charlotte, N. C.  
744—Mrs. James Cowling McDairmid, Fayetteville, N. C.  
745—Miss Dorothea Johnston Weaver, Asheville, N. C.  
746—Mrs. Henry Belo Shelton, Winston-Salem, N. C.  
747—Mrs. Thomas Campbell Darst, Wilmington, N. C.  
748—Mrs. Richard H. Cobbs (Associate), Anniston, Ala.  
749—Mrs. George Nehemiah Harriss, Wilmington, N. C.  
750—Mrs. Philip Warland Delano, Wilmington, N. C.  
751—Miss Kathrine McDairmid Robinson, Fayetteville, N. C.  
752—Mrs. James Menzies, Wilmington, N. C.  
753—Mrs. Robert Love Thompson, Raleigh, N. C.  
754—Mrs. Robert L. Henley, Wilmington, N. C.  
755—Miss Catherine Davis Williams, Wilmington, N. C.  
    (Now Mrs. H. Gilbert Foard)  
756—Mrs. George E. Wilson, Jr., Charlotte, N. C.

- 757—Mrs. Howard Madison Wade, Charlotte, N. C.  
758—Mrs. James F. Sears, Wilmington, N. C.  
759—Mrs. Walter Porter Taylor, Asheville, N. C.  
760—Mrs. Edward Knox Paine, Durham, N. C.  
761—Mrs. William Ewen Shipp, Raleigh, N. C.  
762—Mrs. Lucius Boardman Morse, Hendersonville, N. C.  
\* (By transfer from Mississippi)

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZA BELLAMY WILLIAMSON,  
*Registrar.*

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## REPORT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY

*Madam President and Ladies:*

Since May 1, 1920, the Assistant Secretary has sent notice each month to the Board of Managers, these numbering ninety-one to the General Society, seventy.

Have sent each month the minutes of the monthly meetings to the Chairmen of the various County Committees, these totaling, seventy-four.

Have mailed three hundred and ninety-six copies of the Annual Report of 1920 and one of 1918-1919, also two of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Sent seventy-five postals inviting the Dames to Dr. Koch's lecture.

Had printed one thousand ballots.

Sent three hundred blank ballots from 1921 election.  
Have made many telephone calls.

Respectfully submitted,  
MARGARET MEARES THORPE.

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### REPORT OF ST. PHILIP'S COMMITTEE

Balance reported May 1, 1920.....	\$395.99
Interest.....	20.25
Interest Liberty Bond.....	8.50

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Cash balance to date, June 1, 1921.....	\$424.74
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Respectfully submitted,  
SUE MOORE McQUEEN.

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### REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF REGISTER AND TREASURER OF REGISTER FUND

*adam President and Ladies:*

As Custodian of the Register of the North Carolina Society of  
olonial Dames of North America, I wish to state that I have nine-  
ty-four copies of the Register on hand, and a balance of \$70.90 in  
bank.

Balance in bank March 1, 1920.....	\$67.48
Interest.....	3.42

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Balance in bank June 1, 1921.....	\$70.90
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Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. H. C. PRINCE,  
*Custodian of Register and Treasurer of Register Fund.*



## REPORT OF THE STATE CHAIRMAN OF THE PLYMOUTH COMMEMORATION FUND

Balance reported May 1, 1921.....	\$230.30
Forsyth County Assessment in full.....	50.00
Assessments during year.....	9.00
Interest.....	13.20
Interest Liberty Bonds.....	2.13
Check.....	1.00
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Balance to date June 1, 1921.....	\$305.63

Respectfully submitted,

SUE MOORE McQUEEN.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS

*Madam President and Ladies:*

If I were to give you a detailed account of the work of the "Committee on Claims" during the past year, it would necessarily be very similar to the Registrar's report, so I have decided to simply state that fifty-six slips of applicants for membership have been examined since the last Annual Meeting. Also Pedigree papers of forty-five new members have been examined and all presented to the Board for acceptance, except a few that will be acted upon today.

I wish, however, to talk to the Chairman of the County Committees on the importance of instructing candidates as to how their Pedigree papers should be written out. It is necessary for these blanks to be filled in accordance with rules and authority

given for services and lines of descent from each ancestor used. No offices should be used except those in the eligibility list. Any family history showing the candidates descent from ancestors used can be put in Supplementary details. Unless these proofs are given according to the laws, they can not be accepted. It is also very important that papers should be properly signed so as to save both time and postage.

Respectfully submitted,  
MARY SUMNER KINGSBURY,

*Chairman.*

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## REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

*Madam President and Ladies:*

It is with sorrow we have to report the death of three of our members since our last Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Thomas Settle, of Asheville (Eliza Augusta Wright Potter, of Wilmington), one of the incorporators of the Society in Wilmington in 1894. First on the list of Charter members, and always a most active and interested member, both here and after her removal to Asheville, where for years she was Chairman of Buncombe County Committee. In her death the Society has sustained a distinct loss.

Mrs. Frank Wood, of Edenton (Rebecca Addison Collins, of Hillsboro).

Mrs. Paul Hinton Lee, of Raleigh (Miss Ellen Tyson).

Respectfully submitted,  
MARY A. HILL CRONLY,

*Chairman.*

## REPORT ON AMERICANIZATION

*Madam President and Members of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America:*

We speak of the Americanization Committee of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America, or any other State Society forming our National Society, as if it were some specialized or perhaps isolated part of the work of the States or National Society. The name is new, born of the travail of war, but the service for which it stands is the reason of being of the Colonial Dames of America. Every Committee we have is at work on Americanization; whether it is preserving historic sites, existing records or doing research work. They are saving the visible records of the men and events which have made the past of our country one of the glorious land-marks of history. It is the duty of the Committee called "Americanization" to link together this past with the present, and strive to sift from our national life the alien ideas and ideals which for several decades have been insidiously poisoning our national and social life. A morbid and degenerate art, literature, sociology and even religion have wrought a vast confusion through which we must work our way back to the clean, direct and nobly simple outlook on life which was the motive power of those ancestors of ours whose "valor and achievements are beyond all praise."

In many of the states where there are large populations of the foreign born, the work of Americanization is clear and well-defined and has been in successful operation almost since the State Societies were first organized; and the debt our country owes these patriotic women in the years when a foreign war came upon us will never perhaps be known.

Our own work is not so clearly defined; but in our program pre-

sented in 1919 and published in the Annual Minutes for that year it will be found that our needs and opportunities are sufficient to mark the impress of this Society on every community in which our members live. To exactly what extent this impress has been made in the past year, I do not know because reports of the Americanization work have not been sent your State Chairman of this Committee. From memory in hearing the minutes read of the several County Committees I gather that the Dames in Mecklenburg are making special efforts to add dignity and importance to the gift of citizenship in their Federal Courts. Prizes have been offered in the schools for essays on citizenship.

Lenoir County is active in raising the standard of citizenship, establishing Mothers' Clubs and reducing the percentage of illiteracy.

Forsyth County has offered prizes to the schools for essays on citizenship.

Wake County has given a prize for essay on citizenship.

Washington Town Committee is doing splendid work. Living at the site of our Government they are taking advantage of expert advice and co-operate in every way with Americanization work at the Capital. One of our Dames there lends her home on Sunday afternoons for the use of a class of foreign-born citizens and leads the class.

Cumberland County has presented our prize for essay on citizenship.

Vance County Dames are working through the Woman's Club, church societies and in the schools.

Here at headquarters a series of lectures on the various branches of our government have been planned, the first of which, on our Constitution, was made by Dr. Rondthaler, of Winston-Salem, during the past winter. Prizes for essays on citizenship have been



offered our schools. An impressive ceremony has been held in the United States District Court for the presentation of citizenship papers, in which the American Legion joined us, to impress upon the new citizen of this Republic the solemnity and responsibility of the step he is taking. The Civic Primer, published by the Illinois Society, was presented with the flag to the new citizens and the Presiding Judge presented a copy of the Constitution of the United States. These Civic Primers will be on hand for distribution at such ceremonies held by the Dames all over the State and may be obtained upon request to your State Chairman on Americanization.

A quiet but determined effort has been made to improve the class of moving pictures shown in Wilmington. That results have been obtained to some extent is apparent in the advertisements and pictures shown at this time compared with those of a few months back.

That the moving picture with its marvelous possibilities for the education and enjoyment of the masses has been put to base uses is a fact obvious to us all. That something must be done about it is equally obvious; and also that much that has been tried has to a large extent failed. But with a sure faith that evil can invariably be overcome with good the delegation from North Carolina to the Council of the National Society presented this question to the Council asking that this be made the national policy of the Americanization work in all the states, in addition to any other work in which they might be engaged. The Pennsylvania delegation took the question up with great earnestness, offering practical suggestions from the experience of the very fine and strong women composing that delegation. A general discussion followed, showing the need for this movement and the general belief in the pos-

sibility of our National Society to improve and cleanse the spirit of this industry. The vote on this question was the strongest "Aye" heard during the Council, the "Noes" gave no utterance to their objections.

It has been suggested that it is a far cry from Colonial Dames to moving pictures, and that we should confine ourselves strictly to *patriotic* work. Anything can happen to a people whose moral fibre is weakened. History is strewn with the wrecks of civilizations and races traced by historians to this source. The screens are disseminating ideas and standards of life to hundreds of thousands of our people daily, hourly. Are these ideas and standards healthy? Are they calculated to stimulate a love and reverence for home, and its foundation—marriage? Have any people ever lived and grown great without planting their roots securely and strongly in the home? Is it not the source and bulwark of all our institutions? Without the virtue of woman and the chivalry of man we can not maintain homes. What could be a greater work for any patriotic society than to spend its strength in correcting any amusement or diversion which is sapping the foundations of our homes and weakening the moral fibre of our people.

Ladies, North Carolina has presented this work to the National Society; the responsibility now rests with us to show our good faith by working for results. In doing this let us remember that the movie showman has his difficulties. That for the most part he is rarely a man with the traditions and culture which have come to us as a free gift by birth. Harsh criticism and antagonism will accomplish nothing. An offer of co-operation and constructive criticism will seldom be rejected. Everywhere the Colonial Dames are the women of prestige and wide influence in their communities. Men catering to the public can not afford to refuse them a hearing

and ignore their requests. These men have their homes and children and they will not want to debase the children and homes of other men when they once realize the wrong they are doing.

Then comes the question of the mothers and the children. In each community the mothers must be brought to a sense of their duty in watching the movies and keeping their children and boys and girls from those which are not intended by writers, producers or showmen for the young. Try to induce your showmen to set aside a day each week for the young; then use your influence to make the venture pay them.

There is a more far reaching program to be carried out at the great centers of the industry which there is not time to discuss here. And in our own State each community may have to handle the matter in its own way, but we must lose no time in getting to work. This question has been discussed world without end. Legislatures have been appealed to. Political censorship boards have only made matters worse. Now is the opportunity for this great body of women to use their privileges for a great purpose and begin a concerted effort which must know no lagging, and correct this evil which is corrupting the youth of our land.

No member of this organization can truly represent her ancestors, whose services entitle her to membership in this body, who does not give her service freely to uphold and disseminate the ideals by which those ancestors lived and for which many of them laid down their lives.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES LATHAM HARRISS,

*Chairman.*

## REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC RECORDS

*Madam President and Ladies of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America:*

Today we have some interesting exhibits for your inspection. These will afterward be forwarded to Washington for permanent safe-keeping, where they may be used as data by the truth seeking historians of the future. While we may all feel proud of these facsimiles of former days, let us remember that they represent an infinitesimal part of the rich store scattered over our State, and one and all resolve that next year shall see this work multiplied not fourfold,—but an hundredfold.

As you will see there is a great variety represented in this exhibit and I would call your attention especially to the leaf from an old Bible with its accompanying photograph. The birth records are reproduced so perfectly. Then the photographs of the old silver at Edenton, both secular and church, are so well shown in their reproductions.

Thanks for this are due Mrs. Mary Bayard Wootten, of New Bern, herself of honored Colonial ancestry, being lineally descended from Jonathan Edwards and the Pollocks and Deveraux.

Observe the group of seven pictures of Colonial furniture in the Wendell family. These comprise many good examples of the furnishings of those early days. The pictures of Mrs. Barker of Edenton Tea Party fame, the old windmill at Roanoke Island, as well as the monument on site of Fort Raleigh will interest you. Then we have photographs of the Aaron Burr and Council Oaks, famous trees; copies of family records, abstracts of wills, county records transcribed, county histories, as well as tombstone inscrip-



tions, one of the most remarkable of these being that of Mrs. Evans at Bath. Notice closely the pages in the Bible of John Baptista Ashe and the accompanying will. This Bible is now in the old Church in Bath. The photos of the church and Marsh House are very good.

Those remarkable collections of historic documents in the family of our President will prove interesting to all.

I am sure you will enjoy reading the accompanying inscriptions gathered from old tombstones in various sections of our state; that you will rejoice with Col. and Mrs. Ward in their numerous progeny, feel thankful that in Charles Elliott New Bern had "an honest lawyer indeed," and know beyond a doubt that the old Charlotte inscriptions prove the claims as to Mecklenburg's place on fame's roll.

Each of you should visit the old tombs in St. James churchyard, especially the tomb of Cornelius Harnett, the "Pride of the Cape Fear," and also cast a sigh of remembrance at Godfrey's grave, our first American dramatist, and in leaving carry with you two resolves: "First: To do all you can to increase our exhibit for next year. Second: Not to let up until we have procured everything possible that should be preserved."

By so doing you will be returning in a small measure your great debt to your native state and assist in placing her where she should stand—right in the front ranks, along with the other leaders.

I would especially thank Mrs. Waddell, Miss Alexander, Mrs. MacRae, Mrs. Weddell, Miss Rodman and Mrs. Anderson for their contributions, and to each of you would say, "Go thou and do likewise."

In closing let me express my regret that duty has called me elsewhere today and to wish for you a delightful and successful meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE B. CREASY.

(MRS. W. M. CREASY.)

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### **Preservation of Existing Records**

Rowan County records transcribed.

Granville County records transcribed.

Abstracts of wills, dates 1761, 1795.

Record of Harvey family, descended from John Harvey, Speaker of the House, Province of North Carolina, 1773.

Tombstone inscriptions, New Bern, Wilmington and Beaufort.

History of Wake County.

Photographs of furniture, pewter, candles, etc., dates 1737-1760.

Title page of Bible printed 1770, and page with Hornblow family record.

Map of Province of Carolina.

Map of Cape Fear River and plantations located on it.

Autograph order of Gen. Hugh Waddell, 1754.

Appointment of Mathieu DeRosset as Secretary to Francois, duc d'Anjou, May 18, 1581.

Commission of Louis deRosset as Captain in the Regiment of Navarre, signed by Louis XIV, February 18, A. D., 1674.

Commission of Louis deRosset as Captain in the English Army, signed by William of Orange, April 1, A. D., 1689. (Originals in possession of the deRosset family of Wilmington, North Carolina.)

Photograph of Spencer Compton, Earl of Wilmington, after

whom Wilmington, North Carolina is named.

Orton plantation of "King" Roger Moore.

Fort Howe, near Brunswick, on the Cape Fear.

Russelborough, site of Gov. Tryon's residence, and scene of first armed resistance to Stamp Act, located on the Cape Fear, near Brunswick, North Carolina.

Tomb of "King" Roger Moore.

Cornelius Harnett monument in Wilmington, North Carolina, erected by the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America.

Inscriptions on the tombs of Gen. Thomas Polk, Gen. George Graham, Gen. Joseph Graham, Gov. Nathaniel Alexander, Col. Alexander Osborne, Col. Francis Bradley, Capt. John McKnitt Alexander, Capt. Hezekiah Alexander, Capt. Abraham Alexander and Rev. Hezekiah J. Balch.

Communion service from St. Paul's Church, Edenton (gift of Queen Anne, with royal coat of arms). (2 views.)

Silver from Miss Bond's, Edenton. (2 views.)

Communion service, St. Paul's Church, Edenton (gift of Col. Edward Mosely, 1725).

Silver Cup won at Pembroke, 1734. Also casket. (Property of Miss Bond.)

Silver tea-kettle. (Property of Mrs. Barker, President Edenton Tea Party.)

Group of seven photographs, Colonial furniture, pewter, candlesticks, etc., history on the reverse side.

Portrait of Mrs. Penelope Barker, President Edenton Tea Party.

Old windmill at Roanoke Island.

Portrait monument at Fort Raleigh.

Cornwallis Tree, or Aaron Burr Oak, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Council Oak (history typed on reverse side).

Pages from old Bible at Bath Church and will of John Baptista Ashe, 1703.

Old Bluff Church and graveyard. (2 views.)

Farguard Campbell grave.

St. Thomas Church, Bath, North Carolina, built, 1734.

Marsh House, Bath, North Carolina, built, 1744.

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## REPORT OF FORSYTH COUNTY COMMITTEE OF COLONIAL DAMES

*Madam President and Members of the North Carolina Society of  
Colonial Dames of America:*

The Forsyth County Committee has the honor to report its activities during the past year as follows:

On the afternoon of January 29, 1921, we had a most profitable and interesting meeting and again on the afternoon of March 19th. At the March meeting Mrs. J. L. Ludlow was re-elected Chairman and Miss Mary C. Wiley Secretary for the ensuing year.

At these meetings of our Committee through the reading and discussion of the monthly Board reports sent us from Wilmington and the communications of various chairmen we became acquainted with the proceedings of our Society and so have kept in touch with the work throughout the State.

We were especially interested in the work of the Americanization Committee and acting upon the suggestion of the Chairman of this Committee, we offered a prize of five dollars in gold to the member of the senior class of our local High School who should present the best paper on some phase of the subject of Americaniza-



tion. As a result of this, interest was aroused in this subject and a number of our brightest boys and girls of the City High School contested for the prize. On Commencement night, before a crowded house, the award was made to Inez Lancaster for a fine paper on "The American Standard of Living."

Our Committee bore the cost of this prize as we have always made it our policy not to ask for funds from the State Treasurer, but to meet all expenses incurred for local work.

We have the pleasure of adding to our membership Mrs. Henry B. Shelton (Margarette Hunt Ludlow).

We regret exceedingly that none of our members can attend the Annual Meeting this year, but we shall be with you in spirit and we assure you that we will do all we can to carry out any plans you may advise.

Respectfully submitted by the  
Forsyth County Committee,

MYRA M. H. LUDLOW,  
*Chairman.*

MARY C. WILEY,  
*Secretary.*

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## REPORT OF THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY COMMITTEE

*Madam President and Ladies:*

As Chairman of the Mecklenburg County Committee, of the North Carolina Colonial Dames of America, I bring you cordial greetings from the Committee with its best wishes and the assurance

of its loyalty and co-operation in the work of the Society. I have the honor to present the following report for the year just ending:

Our Committee now numbers fifty, the largest in the State.

Our meetings have been held regularly at the home of the members, the third Thursday in each month, commencing in November. The program committee, Mrs. M. A. Bland, Chairman, had interesting papers read on "Colonial Events" and "Events of the Day." At the last meeting the Chairman entertained the Committee at a luncheon at the Woman's Club, at which time she presented the Committee with a gavel made from a cedar tree from the home of John McNitt Alexander. He was secretary of a meeting which resulted in the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, May 20, 1775.

Through the influence of our Americanization Committee, a night school was opened in North Charlotte for illiterates and foreigners. Six foreigners are to take out naturalization papers, at which time this Committee has arranged impressive ceremonies.

The Historical Research Committee, Miss Violet Alexander as Chairman, has copied the inccriptions of eleven Colonial tombstones, and had pictures taken to present to the Society and Committee of the Cornwallis-Burr Oak and of five Colonial churches. Steps are being taken by them now to preserve and possibly buy the only Colonial rock house left standing in Mecklenburg. This was built by Hezekiah Alexander. One member presented pictures taken of an old portrait of Gov. Graham and another gave copies of an important old letter.

At the annual election of officers, Mrs. Latta C. Johnston was elected Chairman, Mrs. M. A. Bland re-elected Vice-President and Mrs. Margaret Kelly Abernathy, Secretary.

The Committee wishes to thank the Society for the minutes which are always interesting and very helpful, as they keep the Committee in touch with the proceedings of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY IRWIN BELK,  
(MRS. W. H. BELK.)

*Chairman.*

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## REPORT OF WAYNE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF COLONIAL DAMES

*Madam President and Members of Colonial Dames Society:*

The Wayne County Committee of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames has completed a very pleasant and profitable year's work. We feel that our Committee is better organized and has a broader vision of its work than ever before.

The Committee was much interested in the pageant—"Raleigh—the Shepherd of the Ocean," which was given in Raleigh. The Chairman and other members of our Committee attended this pageant and as a program for the meeting following the Chairman discussed the pageant from its historical and artistic viewpoints. A copy was purchased for the use of the Committee.

For our meetings for the coming year a program committee has been appointed with Mrs. C. E. Wilkins as Chairman. This Committee has already reported that the programs are made for the meetings. The first program which was had at the last meeting was the presentation of pedigree papers. Each member of the Committee read one line given on her pedigree papers. This was very interesting and very enlightening.

At the request for records a Committee on Records was appointed with Miss Sue Collier as Chairman. She has collected several interesting records which we are presenting today.

The Wayne County Committee of Colonial Dames has always taken an especial interest in the Goldsboro Public Library. We have felt that through our library which is very well organized and equipped we could do great service for our community. A few years ago we secured and placed the Colonial Records in the library and this past year we purchased the index to the Colonial records and presented them to the library. This gift was much appreciated.

Mrs. Waddell's visit to our Committee was an outstanding feature in the happenings of the year for it was a great pleasure and inspiration to us. Several members of our Committee had been interested in the organization of a Parent-Teacher Association, but for many reasons their desires and plans had not materialized. At Mrs. Waddell's request that we organize this Association the Chairman appointed a committee with Mrs. Rob Miller as Chairman to organize it. Mrs. Miller's work met with splendid success. We have an organization in our High School, Grammar School and two primary schools—with a large membership of parents. These organizations have taken up the subject of school luncheons and promise to be a great good in our community. At present the Colonial Dames of our Committee are planning to give a picture to be moved from grade to grade where the attendance of the parents is largest.

In every way we are trying to increase the education and culture and patriotism of our County.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY FAISON DEVANE,

*Chairman.*



## REPORT ON THE "JANET SCHAW DIARY"

### *Ladies:*

Our President, Mrs. Waddell, has asked that in this report on the "Janet Schaw Diary," I tell as briefly as possible what has been done since we first undertook its publication. Many of you already know of it but to those who do not it may be of interest to hear something.

Five years ago, Professor and Mrs. Charles M. Andrews, the former occupying a chair of history at Yale University, while doing research work at the British Museum, found among the West Indian papers a manuscript of quite remarkable literary and historical interest, it being the journal of a young Scotch girl on her voyage from Scotland to the West Indies, Wilmington and the Cape Fear region in about 1774. Mr. Andrews obtained permission to copy the manuscript, having in mind future publication. Some time later, being given my name by mutual friends they wrote me very anxiously to find what local color, if any, could be gotten here. Taking this letter to Mrs. Waddell it developed that some time previously that same Diary had, through Colonel Waddell, been offered the Colonial Dames by a descendant of one of the principals of the Diary, but at that time they did not see their way clear to publishing.

The result of this correspondence was a visit to Wilmington by Prof. and Mrs. Andrews and plans for collaboration between them and the Colonial Dames. The book was to be brought out under the auspices of "The N. C. G. C. D. A." who were to contribute \$600.00, Prof. and Mrs. Andrews to do the work, get a well-known publisher, and edit. However, the world war delayed and changed all plans and the book is just now to be published.

As an independent publisher could not be found to take the Diary it had to be brought out by "The Yale Press," as one of a series of Historical Sketches. To quote Prof. Andrews in a recent letter under date of May 17th, "There was no possiblility of getting another publisher to handle the book, nor would the Yale Press take it as an independent publication. As far as publishing is concerned it is the present arrangement or nothing." Viz.—on the title page appears only the title, names of editors and publishers; on the second, or half page, the name of the N. C. G. C. D. A. appears, also in the introduction, written by Mrs. Andrews, recognition of the Society's co-operation and financial aid is given.

The cost of publication is now about \$2,800.00. Of the Society's original pledge of \$600.00, \$400.00 was contributed by the National Society, and in view of the greatly increased cost of printing your Committee felt an additional amount should be given, say \$200.00 or \$300.00, the exact sum to be decided by the Society today.

Respectfully submitted,

AGNES SEABREEZE GILES.

## COMMITTEE HISTORIC RESEARCH

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Mrs. J. R. Chamberlain,  
Mrs. C. C. Covington,  
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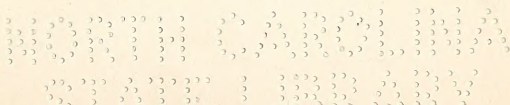
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## MINUTES

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The Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America was held on Wednesday, May 3, 1922, at 10:30 o'clock, in the Parish House of St. James Church, the President presiding.

After reciting the Lord's Prayer, the roll was called, and forty resident and five non-resident members responded: Mrs. Latta C. Johnston, Charlotte; Mrs. Margaret K. Abernathey, Charlotte; Mrs. F. S. Spruill, Rocky Mount; Mrs. R. W. Powell, Goldsboro and Mrs. J. R. Chamberlain, Raleigh.

The Secretary read the Preamble and Article 2 of the National Constitution.

With deep regret the Dames learned through the President of the death a few hours earlier, of one of our oldest members, Mrs. Annie Meares Baltzer, her number in the Society being 17.

Regret was expressed for the absence of the following officers owing to a recent sorrow: Mrs. William Latimer, Vice-President; Mrs. W. B. Thorpe, As-

sistant Secretary; Miss Jennie Murchison, Treasurer; Mrs. Phillip Delano, Librarian.

Telegrams and notes of greeting were read from Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar, National President; Mrs. C. F. Harvey; Durham County Committee; Mrs. Margaret S. Griffin; Mrs. John H. Anderson and Cumberland County Committee.

Reports of the officers were then read and passed upon.

Miss Sue McQueen, Chairman of St. Phillips' Committee, reported fissures in the walls of the old church caused by trees, spoke of vandalism, of tombstones down and broken, and of the desperate need of prompt action if the old ruins are to be preserved.

Report of the Committee on Necrology was read by Mrs. Walter Williamson, all members standing.

There were no reports from Cabarras, Forsythe, Vance and Washington Town Committees. Durham regretted that no member of that very new Committee could attend.

Report of Mecklenburg County Committee was read by Mrs. Latta C. Johnston; Nash County Com-



mittee by Mrs. F. S. Spruill; Wayne County Committee by Mrs. W. R. Powell and Wake County Committee by Mrs. J. R. Chamberlain who having written and illustrated the History of Wake County referred to showed a dummy copy and pen and ink sketches. Upon motion a rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Chamberlain.

State Chairman of County Committees, Miss McQueen, read reports from Buncombe, Craven and Lenior.

Report of the Custodian of Register, Mrs. H. C. Prince was read, and attention was called to the revision of the Register which is now in progress.

Report of the State Chairman of Preservation of Existing Records Committee.

Mrs. Waddell said that for one reason or another it had been impossible to secure a State Chairman of Historic Research until late in the year, when the position had been accepted by Miss Delia Hyatt of Kinston, she having taken up the work with much interest and enthusiasm, and though unable in such a short period to have accomplished much worthy of report, will soon have the work co-ordinated and in proper form.

Mrs. W. N. Harriss, Chairman of the Americanization Committee, gave a verbal report, outlining the work being done by these Committees in various states, and read portions of the Illinois circular letter dealing with this work.

In the absence of the Librarian, Mrs. Phillip Delano, her report was read by Mrs. E. L. Prince.

Announcement of the arrival of the beautiful American Sampler Book, the gift of the Massachusetts Society to the North Carolina Society, was made.

Mrs. Waddell spoke of the library and called attention to the privilege of the County Committees to obtain any books upon request.

An invitation to attend the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs being held at Greensboro was read by the President. Motion was made by Mrs. Walter Williamson, seconded by Mrs. E. L. Prince:

"That the Dames in session send a telegram of greeting to the Federation".

Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Donald MacRae were named a committee to send this telegram.

Mrs. F. S. Spruill, Chairman of Limitation of

Membership Committee, read the following report:

"Madam President:

Herewith I hand you report of the Committee appointed to investigate the matter of limitation of membership in the Society of Colonial Dames.

For the purpose of advising the Committee, in its deliberations, I secured from the Presidents of the Societies of the Thirteen Original States, and the District of Columbia, information as to what they were doing upon this question. I enclose a synopsis of their several replies.

To ascertain, as nearly as might be, the attitude of the North Carolina Dames, I wrote to each County Chairman inviting a free expression of their views.

With this data in hand, I called a meeting of the Committee at Goldsboro Friday, March 24th, to consider the matter. After full deliberation, it was decided that the Committee should adjourn to meet again in Raleigh, April 1st, to formulate its final report. This meeting was held, and the enclosed document is the concrete result of its deliberations.

With assurances of high esteem, I am

Very respectfully,

(Signed) ALICE WINSTON SPRUILL,

*Chairman.*

*Madam President and Members of the Board of the  
North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames:*

The Committee appointed to consider the question of limiting the membership of this Society has the honor to present the following:

This organization differs from purely historic and patriotic societies, in that only those should be admitted to its membership who are descendants of distinguished ancestors, and who have fully lived up to their high descent, and upheld the traditions of their forefathers in their lives and standing in the community.

It is desirable to place such a value on membership as to make it an honor not lightly esteemed.

To avoid admission of persons who, while eligible by descent, would yet be undersirable as members, this Committee deems it necessary that the Board should have fuller information regarding applicants from a distance than is contained in the formal letters of the proposer and seconder.

They recommend that a committee of members of the Society, residing in or contiguous to the Cities of Asheville, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Raleigh and



Goldsboro be appointed by the President, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, or until the next annual meeting.

To this committee shall be referred all applications for membership from persons resident in or in the vicinity of these Cities, and no such application shall be acted on by the Board until the report of such Committee shall have been received.

Immediately upon receipt of an application for membership from a person residing in or near these Cities, the Corresponding Secretary shall notify the Chairman of the Committee and await its report before bringing the application before the Board.

In addition to the above, there should be mailed to each County Committee the names of candidates, with proposer and seconder, whose applications are to be considered by the Board. These names should be read at the monthly or called meeting of the County Committee, and an invitation extended each member of the Society to write personal letters to the Board, setting forth reasons for rejecting candidates regarded by them as undesirable.

The individual Dames should feel in honor bound to inform the Board as to every matter affecting the

qualifications of any candidate whose name is under consideration. The writer's name will be known only to the President and Corresponding Secretary, to whom all letters should be addressed.

The Board of Managers should require detailed statements, or proof, concerning the eligibility or qualifications of the proposed member, and should have exclusive power to determine the same, and admit her to membership.

Before the application of any candidate for admission to the Society is considered, the Board of Managers should be informed fully as to the candidates occupation, general standing, and personal character, and each candidate must be personally known or vouched for by at least two members of the Board.

A candidate, against whom there is nothing except that she is not known to two members of the Board, may be carried over until the next year, or until such time as the Board may elect, pending further investigation.

If it does not contravene the constitution, this Committee suggests:

(1) That no new member should propose or endorse a candidate until she has been a member of the Society two years.

(2) As there are no members at large, in the National organization, so there should be no members at large in the State, each individual being required to be affiliated with some County Committee.

(3) No candidate should be proposed or endorsed by her mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt or niece.

The question of a high standard of membership for the Society remains with those who are already members. This Committee recommends that these women acquaint themselves thoroughly with the aims and objects of the Society, and that they emphasize the fact that connection with the Society is by invitation only. The desirable candidate is not the one who seeks admission.

This Committee does not favor limitation of membership beyond the restrictions now imposed by the Constitution and By-laws. Limiting the members will not of itself affect the quality of the organization.

All these provisions would act as a bar to too rapid growth which is undesirable. It is possible to keep a small society within definite conditions and restrictions. It is difficult to maintain the membership of a large body to the high standard originally intended.

This Committee does not favor an increase in dues, which, if effected, would not decrease membership, but would debar many desirable gentlewomen.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE WINSTON SPRUILL,  
ATHALIA LORD,  
MAMIE L. HEARTT HARVEY,  
MAMIE ELLIOT LONDON,  
HARRIET B. LANE HYMAN,  
*Committee.*

Upon motion, duly carried, the report was voted on phraze by phraze. After a very thorough discussion, the report as accepted reads as follows:

(1) That no new member should propose or endorse a candidate until she has been a member of the Society three years.

(2) That each member of the North Carolina Society be recommended to affiliate with some County Committee, preferably her own, if one exists, or with the nearest.

(3) No candidate should be proposed or endorsed by her mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt or niece.

(4) That a committee of members of the Society, residing in or contiguous to the Cities of Asheville, Char-



lotte, Winston-Salem, Raleigh and Goldsboro be appointed by the President to serve at the pleasure of the Board, or until the next Annual Meeting.

To this committee shall be referred all applications for membership from persons resident in or in vicinity of these Cities and no such applications shall be acted on by the Board until the report of such Committee shall have been received.

(5) Immediately upon receipt of an application for membership from a person residing in or near these Cities, the Corresponding Secretary shall notify the Chairman of the Committee and await its report before bringing the application before the Board.

In addition to the above, there should be mailed to each County Committee the names of candidates, with proposer and seconder, whose applications are to be considered by the Board. These names should be read at the monthly or called meeting of the County Committee, and an invitation extended each member of the Society to write personal letters to the Board, setting forth reasons for rejecting candidates regarded by them as undesirable.

(6) At the decision of the Board the name of a candidate may be carried over until such time as the Board may elect, pending investigation.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 for luncheon, convening again at 3:15 o'clock.

Motion was made by Mrs. F. S. Spruill and seconded by Mrs. E. L. Prince:

"That the sympathy of the Dames be extended to Miss Annie Baltzer and Miss Carrie Meares, and that upon the conclusion of the meeting, some of the flowers be sent to them and to Mrs. T. C. James, she being unable to attend the meeting on account of illness.

At 4:00 o'clock the meeting adjourned until 8:30 p. m.

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### NIGHT SESSION.

At 8:30 p. m. in the Assembly Rooms, the meeting was called to order by the President.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the National Society notifying the Corporate Societies that at the next Biennial Council, the following amendment to the Constitution will be submitted for ratification or rejection:

*Resolved:*—That Article 5, paragraph 2, line 3, (page 8 of the Acts for 1921), be amended by inserting the words "or more" after the word "two" and before the words "Vice Presidents", so that the

clause as amended will read:—"consisting of a President, two or more Vice-Presidents."

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to write Mrs. Wendell that this Society accepted the amendment.

Mrs. Waddell read the following resolution offered by Mrs. C. F. Harvey:

"That the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames establish at the University of North Carolina a prize or medal to be given annually for Patriotic Research work."

Upon motion made by Mr. W. N. Harriss, seconded by Mrs. Walter Williamson, an amendment was offered using the word "Colonial" in the place of "Patriotic", and the resolution thus amended was carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. E. L. Prince, seconded by Miss Kingsbury:

"That the above recognition take the form of a medal". Carried.

The following motion made by Mrs. W. N. Harriss, duly seconded and carried:

"That this Society give the sum of \$120.00 to the Near East Relief Fund for the support of two children,

as a memorial to those members of ours who have died during the past year.”

Report of the Nomination Committee as follows:

For President: Mrs. A. M. Waddell, 193; Mrs. Louis T. Moore, 1; Mrs. William Latimer, 1.

Vice-President: Mrs. William Latimer, 189, Mrs. George Rountree, 1.

Non-Resident Vice-Presidents: Mrs. C. F. Harvey, 179, Mrs. E. P. Parker, 133, Mrs. Latta C. Johnston, 55; Miss Violet Alexander, 4; Mrs. John Anderson 1.

For the Board: Mrs. J. D. Bellamy, 95; Mrs. Geo. Rountree, 92; Miss Janie Strange, 97; Miss Carrie Moore, 85; Miss Sue McQueen, 104; Mrs. Creasy, 1; Mrs. F. B. Gault, 32; Mrs. Lovering, 1; Mrs. Gabriel Holmes, 72; Miss Carrie Meares, 1; Miss Emily Kenan, 54; Miss Lila Bellamy, 14; Mrs. D. H. Lippitt, 29; Miss Sarah Lippitt, 42; Mrs. J. I. Campbell, 16; Mrs. E. T. Taylor, 11.

The President requested Mrs. W. N. Harriss to take the chair.

Upon motion by Mrs. E. L. Prince, duly seconded, it was,



*Resolved:*—That the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the Society for the officers and members of the Board receiving a majority vote.

The motion carried and the election resulted as follows:

*President*—Mrs. A. M. Waddell.

*Vice-President*—Mrs. William Latimer.

*Non-Resident Vice-President*—Mrs. C. F. Harvey, Kinston, N. C.

*Non-Resident Vice-President*—Mrs. E. P. Parker, Washington, D. C.

*For the Board*—Miss Sue McQueen.

The President then resumed the Chair and the meeting proceeded with the election of four members to complete the Board, as follows: Miss Janie Strange, Miss Carrie Moore, Miss Emily Kenan, Mrs. F. B. Gault.

Mrs. Johnston expressed her appreciation and that of the out-of-town members for all courtesies shown them.

The President thanked Mrs. Johnston, and then expressed her appreciation of the co-operation which she had received during the past year.

## BOARD MEETING.

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Following the Annual Meeting a brief meeting of the Board of Managers was held:

Roll was called, nine members being present.

Registrar's report as follows:—

Names presented for first reading:

Mrs. James D. Proctor; proposed by Mrs. E. L. Holloway; endorsed by Miss Athalia Lord, Mrs. F. A. McNeill, Mrs. N. A. McLean, Mrs. Blanch Williamson Spencer.

Mrs. Ernest Heap Graham; proposed by Mrs. C. E. Wilkins; endorsed by Rosa Battle Miller, Mrs. Marshall Williams, Mariana Cobb Gareissen, Mrs. W. W. Walton.

Mrs. Eugene G. Hines; proposed by Mrs. James Kyle; endorsed by Mrs. C. E. Wilkins, Mrs. W. J. Jones, Mrs. C. F. Harvey, Mrs. Marshall Williams.

Mrs. William McKoy Bellamy; proposed by Mrs. George N. Harriss; endorsed by Mary S. Kingsbury, Susan Meares Lovering, Virginia Taylor Oliver, Mary Bolles Harriss.

Miss Mabel Claire Belk; proposed by Julia Irwin Roddey; endorsed by Margaret Kelly Abernathey,

Estelle R. Miller, Mary Johnston Clark, Jean W. Henderson.

Mrs. George Robert McKewn; proposed by Mrs. G. A. Rose; endorsed by Mrs. J. D. Rose Mrs. A. C. Zollicoffer, Mrs. Sidney P. Cooper.

Mrs. Pauline Bernhardt Woodson; proposed by Mrs. Margaret Overman Gregory; endorsed by Mrs. Janet Quinn Getling, Mrs. Sallie Barlow Bernhardt, M. O. VanLandingham, Susan G. Mallet Holmes.

Mrs. Robert Aubrey Parsley; proposed by Mrs. Philip Warland Delano; endorsed by Minerva J. Thomas, Betty H. Bridgers, Alice London Calder.

Non-Colonial Nominations presented:

Mrs. Lane Knowlton, Perthshire, Miss.; Maggie Chisholm Martin, Albermarle Plantation, La.

Pedigree papers presented:

Mrs. Collier Cobb, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Mrs. Henry Walter Lilly, Fayetteville, N. C.; Mrs. P. B. Manning, Washington, D. C.

Supplemental paper presented:

Mrs. George N. Harriss, Wilmington, N. C.

Names presented for second reading and accepted by the Board:

Mrs. John Victor Grainger, Mrs. Marsden Bellamy, Jr., Mrs. Henry Fitzhugh Lee, Miss Susan Collier Fulghum, Miss Mary Pickett Ward, Mrs. Walter L. Parsons, Mrs. E. L. Yarborough, Mrs. Edward S. Pou, Mrs. James H. Cordon.

Respectfully submitted,  
ELIZA BELLAMY WILLIAMSON,  
*Registrar.*

The election of the Board of Managers, resulting as follows:

*Recording Secretary*—Mrs. F. B. Gault.

*Corresponding Secretary*—Mrs. W. N. Harriss.

*Assistant Secretary*—Mrs. W. B. Thorpe.

*Treasurer*—Miss Jennie Murchison.

*Historian*—Mrs. Donald MacRae.

*Registrar*—Mrs. J. Walter Williamson.

There being no further business, upon motion, the President declared the Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
SUSIE BELL LaMOTTE GAULT.



## In Memoriam

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MISS MARY ARRINGTON,  
GOLDSBORO  
DIED AUGUST 3, 1921.

MRS. A. B. ANDREWS,  
RALEIGH  
DIED DECEMBER 29, 1921.

MRS. NAPOLEON HILL,  
MEMPHIS, TENN.  
DIED JANUARY 1922.  
ASSOCIATE

MRS. LOUIS HENRY DE ROSSET,  
WILMINGTON  
DIED MARCH 31, 1922.

MRS. J. W. MURCHISON,  
WILMINGTON  
DIED APRIL 9, 1922  
ONE OF THE INCORPORATORS OF  
THE SOCIETY—JUNE 29, 1894.

MRS. ERNEST V. BALTZER,  
WILMINGTON  
DIED MAY 3, 1922.

## President's Address.

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*Ladies:*

Once more the seasons in their rotation have brought in the merrie month of May, and it is again my privilege and pleasure to welcome you to our Annual Meeting, and to render to you an account of the way in which I have administered the trust you repose in me.

A special word of welcome is due those who have come to us from other towns, and to our recently admitted members. We are more than glad to have them with us, and believe that they can contribute materially in efforts to uphold the distinctive features of this Society.

I pause for one moment to render tribute to those who have gone before; we miss them, and we are grateful that they should have been permitted to dwell among us for a season. We mourn for them, but not as those who have no hope, "for the souls of the righteous are in the hands of God".

"If you look for a good speech now you undo me, for what I have to say is of my own making, and what

indeed I should say will I doubt prove my own mar-  
ring”.

The duties of a President sound very simple as defined in the Constitution and By-Laws. To call meetings and preside at the same; appoint committees and fill vacancies on same; what can be easier! But if there be a lurking suspicion in the minds of any that in thus functioning she is meeting all expectations, a year in office would speedily convince them of error.

I have learned that a President should be an agile genealogist, familiar with family records all over the country, and able to link up two or more parrallel lines with perfect ease. A historian of tried ability; a diplomat of many years experience with the wisdom of the serpent and the guilelessness of the dove. How well I measure up to these simple requirements I leave to others to say.

The honor you bestow upon me brings both privileges and responsibilities. Among the former are the many invitations to represent the Society extended by other organizations, all of which are deeply appreciated and accepted whenever possible, for not one of us, can live to herself, but each needs the stimulus of another's viewpoint, and the inspiration gained through knowledge. The responsibility of worthily repre-

senting you weighs heavily upon me, but thanks to the unfailing kindness and cordial co-operation evidenced the task is greatly lightened.

In our Society I have endeavored to make each member feel that she is responsible for the regard in which we are held, and wherever possible to give her something to do, for we all know that what we work for we care most for. That was the great idea in forming County Committees, not for one instant to break the unity of the whole, but to give groups of Dames the opportunity to meet together for pleasure, study and work all tending to unity of interest and greater progress in carrying out the program of our State Society, which in turn is largely determined by the National Society of which we are a unit.

Our work touches both the past and the present and future; for the former it is commemorative, restorative and preservative; for the latter it is covered by the one term-Americanization which takes in both educational and patriotic effort. The reports of the various officers will show what we have done along these respective lines, and I leave the recital to them.

With two big objects staring us in the face, I would like an expression of opinion as to the way in which



these can be accomplished. Shall we for a certain period give up all other work and concentrate on Valley Forge and Roanoke Island? In both cases we would co-operate with the other patriotic and historical organizations.

In these busy days when each one is drowned in a tidal wave of meetings, and over-organization threatens to smother output, we are in danger of forgetting one of our distinctive features, and in this particular we in Wilmington, at least, are put to shame by the County Committees. I refer to social features. We should be proud of the fact that eligibility is based on social position, this taking precedence even of genealogy, to the extent that while ancestry of a particular and definite nature is essential, it alone does not entitle one to membership, any more than does social position based only on the possession of riches!

Fellowship means so much that it seems a pity that women of culture, refinement and sympathy should not enjoy the benefits derived from mental and social contact. Once more we will try to attain that object.

Those of us who attended the Plymouth Commemoration exercises last November, when the Canopy

over the Rock, the gift of our National Society, was dedicated and presented, can never forget the charming hospitality and courtesy of the Massachusetts Dames, nor the marvellous manner in which their well planned arrangements were executed. Our Society is indeed indebted to the Massachusetts Society for much.

I want to express my appreciation of the many courtesies extended to me by the County Committees. The gatherings at which I have been an honored guest, with the delightful social features, still linger in my heart and mind.

With the hope that each one of us will receive something from this meeting which will increase our zeal and interest both individually and corporately I again bid you welcome.

## Report of Corresponding Secretary.

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

Owing to the absence of the corresponding secretary for three months during the past winter other officers have been kind enough to perform many of the duties of her office, for which service she is greatly indebted to them. But notwithstanding this absence at the busiest season of the year the work of the Society has increased to such proportions that she has personally written one hundred and fifty-seven letters, most of which were announcements of acceptances of nominations and pedigree papers.

Annual reports, year books, lists of officers and circular letters have been received from a number of the State Societies, for which we wish to express our cordial thanks and appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,  
FRANCES LATHAM HARRISS,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

## Report of the Assistant Secretary.

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

Since the Annual Meeting of 1921, the Assistant Secretary has sent notices each month to the Board of Managers, these numbering 94, to the General Society 88.

Each month have sent to the Chairman of the County Committees the minutes of the previous months meeting, a total of 72 copies.

Have mailed 343 copies of the Annual Report of 1921, also 305 copies of the new By-Laws and Constitution.

Sent 419 invitations to the Presentation of the Memorial at Plymouth; 63 invitations to the 1922 annual meeting; 420 blank ballots, and 200 mimeograph letters.

One (1) admission slip.

Five (5) bills.

This making 2010 pieces of mail sent out during the year.

Last but not least have made numerous telephone calls.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET MEARES THORPE.



## Annual Report of Treasurer

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### Receipts.

Balance on hand May 1, 1921 .....	\$1,407.48
Interest .....	46.53
National Society for expenses of Delegates to Biannual Council .....	109.38
Mrs. Henly—Refund for China .....	19.70
Mrs. R. S. Young—Life Membership .....	75.00
Annual dues from 394 members .....	818.85
Plymouth Memorial Fund .....	355.60
Initiation and dues for 44 new members ..	748.50
Initiation fees from 14 Associate members ..	210.00
For two certificates at \$6.00 .....	12.00
Mrs. Streeter—Americanization .....	150.00
Total receipts .....	<u>\$3,953.04</u>

## Disbursements

Funeral Design-----	\$ 5.00
Mrs. W. A. Wright—initiation fee refunded-----	15.00
Capitation Tax on 421 members-----	315.85
Publication of Janet Schaw Diary-----	431.13
New record book-----	1.50
Subscription to N. C. Booklet-----	1.00
Plymouth Memorial Fund-----	300.00
Tiffany—2 certificates at \$6.00-----	12.00
44 copies of "Lady of Quality"-----	120.23
Refund to Buncombe County Committee-----	2.50
Tablet in Craven County-----	280.00
Bailey, Banks & Biddle-----	84.00
Miss French—copying minutes of monthly meetings-----	41.00
Rent of rooms-----	154.00
Mrs. Henly for China-----	20.00
Luncheon and Garden Party-----	343.73
Expenses of Delegates to Council-----	109.38
Hauling-----	7.00
Miss Kingsbury—Examining 52 papers-----	104.00
Yates & Co.-----	8.70
Tide Water Power Co.—Connecting Stove-----	2.50
Northam's-----	60
Jackson & Bell—Printing-----	12.00
Wilmington Printing Co-----	225.10
Harriss Printing Co-----	18.90
 Total Disbursements-----	 2,669.32
 Balance in bank April 30, 1922-----	 \$1,283.72

Respectfully submitted,  
JENNIE MURCHISON  
Treasurer.

## Annual Report of Registrar.

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*Madam President and Ladies of the North Carolina Society  
Colonial Dames of America:*

It gives me pleasure to present to you the report of the Registrar for the year ending May 1, 1922.

The membership of the Society is increasing at about the same rate as last year. Forty three new names have been registered, and nine others have been finally accepted. These have not had sufficient time since acceptance to pay their initiation fees to the Society Treasurer, but should be counted with the total number of admissions, as it will only be a matter of a short while before they can be given official numbers and registered. This makes the total of fifty two (52) new members. In addition, the names of forty (40) applicants passed the Committee on Claims and are in the various stages of consideration by the Board of Managers. So you can see that in all the Registrar has handled ninety two (92) applications for membership during the year. The correspondence in connection with these applications is very extensive along with the routine duties of this office, such as the making out of reports, the issuing of pedigree blanks, recognition pin and insignia permits, and much other correspondence of a varied nature. One supplemental family history paper, that of Mrs. Bolling Whitfield, was presented and accepted by the Board in December. One member has been reinstated and one member dropped during the year. The Society has lost by death six, one an associate member

of Tennessec. Twenty one (21) permits have been issued for insignia of the Society, and thirty five (35) for recognition pins.

The Registrar finds it very difficult to record accurately the marriages and deaths which occur among the members of the Society, as they are seldom reported officially. It has come to our attention, in accidental ways, that some time in the last year or two Miss Jane Evans Williams has become Mrs. J. S. Cobb; Miss Sallie Sims Kirby has become Mrs. C. E. Wilkins; Miss Mary Irwin—Mrs. J. H. Roddey; Miss Janet Quinn—Mrs. A. N. Gething. However, with assured accuracy, I report the marriages of Miss Charlotte Christine Nelson, an Associate of Mississippi, to Mr. Harold I. Randby, of Chicago, Ill.; Miss Eugenia G. Clark to the Rev. John Allen McLean of Morganton, and Mrs. Pembroke Jones to Mr. Henry Walters, of Baltimore, Md.

There are at present four hundred and thirty eight (438) members in the Society and two hundred and twenty four (224) associate members, making a total of six hundred and sixty two (662).

The following is a list of members admitted to the Society since the last Annual Meeting:

- 763—Miss Christine G. Memminger, Asheville, N. C.
- 764—Mrs. Walter Smallbones, Wilmington, N. C.
- 765—Mrs. W. Borden Cobb, Goldsboro, N. C.
- 766—Miss Ester White Springs, Charlotte, N. C.
- 767—Mrs. N. A. McMillan (Associate), St. Louis, Mo.
- 768—Mrs. William T. Ward, New Bern, N. C.
- 769—Miss Lizzie Craig Young, Davidson, N. C.



- 770—Mrs. Henry Hyman Philips, Tarboro, N. C.  
771—Mrs. Robert Simonton Young, Concord, N. C.  
772—Mrs. Frank Preston Brooks Pegues, Rockingham, N. C.  
773—Mrs. Henry Otis Hyatt, Kinston, N. C.  
774—Miss Mary Erwin Young, Davidson, N. C.  
775—Mrs. Gaston Drake Stollenwerck (Associate), Alabama.  
776—Miss Katherine H. Edwards (Associate) Tennessee.  
777—Miss Mary Gilchrist McNeill, Lumberton, N. C.  
778—Mrs. Thomas Davis Warren, New Bern, N. C.  
779—Mrs. William R. Crawford, Goldsboro, N. C.  
780—Mrs. Jere Perry Zollicoffer, Henderson, N. C.  
781—Mrs. Jeremiah Goff, Charlotte, N. C.  
782—Mrs. William H. Twitty, Charlotte, N. C.  
783—Miss Drusilla Lanier Cravens (Associate), Madison,  
Indiana.  
784—Mrs. John Douglas Taylor, Wilmington, N. C.  
785—Mrs. Robert E. Calder, Wilmington, N. C.  
786—Mrs. Charles W. Johnston (Associate), Alabama.  
787—Mrs. J. Holmes Davis, Wilmington, N. C.  
788—Miss Bernie Peyton Palfrey (Associate), Louisiana.  
789—Mrs. John Lewis Cobbs, Jr. (Associate), Alabama.  
790—Mrs. Walter Lyford Griffith (Associate), Nebraska.  
791—Mrs. James Alexander Gray, Winston-Salem, N. C.  
792—Mrs. William Rogers Robertson, Asheville, N. C.  
793—Mrs. Robert Bryan Cassell (Associate), Tennessee.  
794—Mrs. Lawrence Lee Simpson, Wilmington, N. C.  
795—Miss Nannie Carrington Dinwiddie, Raleigh, N. C.  
796—Miss Columbia Crudup, Louisburg, N. C.

- 797—Miss Elizabeth Williams Isler, Goldsboro, N. C.  
798—Mrs. Robert Scott Dilworth (Associate), Texas.  
799—Mrs. Edward Morris Sweeny (Associate), Texas.  
800—Mrs. Duncan Partrick (Associate), Florida.  
801—Mrs. Edwin Robeson McKethan, Fayetteville, N. C.  
802—Miss Esther Exum Harriss, Wilmington, N. C.  
803—Miss Marguerite Lane Walker, Wilmington, N. C.  
804—Mrs. S. Ruffin Horne, Fayetteville, N. C.  
805—Mrs. Franklin Price Hall, Belmont, N. C.  
Mrs. Justin S. White, Fayetteville, N. C.  
Mrs. William Beverly White (Associate), Mississippi.  
Mrs. Pope Webb Oden (Associate), Mississippi.  
Mrs. Robert E. Cofer (Associate), Texas.  
Mrs. Herbert V. Jones (Associate), Missouri.  
Mrs. Clifford Meigs (Associate), Alabama.  
Mrs. M. B. Frost (Associate), Tennessee.  
Miss Nancy R. Hooper, Mississippi.  
Mrs. Robert Jemison, Alabama.

Names finally accepted but not registered begin with Mrs.  
Justin S. White.

Respectfully submitted,  
ELIZA B. WILLIAMSON,  
*Registrar*

## Historian's Report

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

In viewing the work of the North Carolina Society for the past year we may well say, "Something accomplished, something done".

First in importance should be mentioned the financial aid given in behalf of "The Journal of a Lady of Quality". The publishing of this diary has for a number of years been dear to our hearts, and our first ambition was for the Society to undertake the work, the loan of the original manuscript with accompanying sketches having been promised by Colonel Vetch of England. As early as 1910, Mr. Rutherford, a descendant of the Rutherfords mentioned in the diary, came to Wilmington in interest of this work. However, this was all postponed during the war to be revived at a later date when Professor Charles M. Andrews, of Yale University, having discovered a copy of the same diary in the British Museum, came to familiarize himself with the region of the Lower Cape Fear and to confirm or search certain records. Also Professor Andrews hoped to co-operate with the Society in executing it's plan. After an interview and later an exchange of letters we agreed to make a contribution of nearly one thousand dollars with the assurance that the name of the North Carolina Society be placed on the title page. Tho dissapointed in yielding it's original plan the Society felt a great satisfaction in knowing that the work was in the hands

of one whose wide experience and eminent position would give the volume the value and prestige to which it was entitled. The letters of appreciation from the Corporate Societies expressing their regard for the book are very gratifying.

Our next important work is the History of Wake County, which has been written by Mrs. J. R. Chamberlain, of Raleigh. It is interesting to learn that the author is the grand-daughter of Elisha Mitchell, discoveror of Mt. Mitchell. The manuscript is in the hands of the publisher and will soon be in book form. Great credit is due Mrs. Chamberlain for her work. Dr. Archibald Henderson, of the State University, has said a complete record of each County is needed before a perfect history of the state can be written. It is a pleasure to report that the records of Rowan County have been compiled and that the Granville County records are three-fourths completed.

We now pass on to the educational work. This includes the presentation of tableaux, relating the story of Virginia Dare and the early history of Roanoke Island, and our co-operation with Sorosis in presenting its "Pageant of the Lower Cape Fear." Also through our County Committees, we have been instrumental in having a film of the Lost Colony shown in a number of different cities in the State. To celebrate the tercentenary of the landing of the Pilgrims interesting May Flower Posters, gotten out by the Connecticut Society, were placed in the Public Schools. The Society was, indeed, fortunate in having a representation of five resident North Carolina Dames for the celebration at



Plymouth. These were our President, Mrs. A. M. Waddell, Mrs. Frank Spruill, Mrs. Hardin Hairston, Mrs. W. H. Belk and Mrs. Westray Battle. The North Carolina Society takes this opportunity to thank the Massachusetts Society for the many delightful courtesies extended to them. The Prize Essay Competition offered by the Americanization Committee to public school pupils is still a part of our program. Each County Committee has the privilege of furthering this work.

A notable achievement during the year has been the placing of a tablet on the remaining wing of Tryon Palace at New Bern, N. C. This makes the last home of North Carolina's Colonial governors.

Before closing this report which even now may seem too long, I feel that we must say that it is with special pride that we note the interest taken by the County Committees in their Study of colonial characters, buildings, historic trees, etc. The enthusiasm of several of the committees is doubly evidenced by the interesting little pamphlets published, giving their years programme. The Society was pleased to receive from it's Mecklenburg County Committee a photograph of the Cornwallis-Burr oak and one of Governor Graham. Copies of these were also sent the National Society.

Now that we have added something worth while to the past, already notable with achievements, may the members of the Society feel a just pride in their work and an enthusiasm for futher accomplishments.

Respectfully submitted,  
FLORENCE K. MOORE,  
*Historian.*

## Report of St. Phillip's Committee.

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Balance reported June 1, 1921	\$424.74
Interest	12.82
Interest Second Liberty Bonds	8.50
Cash balance to date, May 2, 1922	\$446.06

Respectfully submitted,  
SUE MOORE McQUEEN.

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## Report of the State Chairman of the Plymouth Commemoration fund.

Balance reported June 1, 1921	\$305.63
Assessments during year	330.00
Sale of Liberty Bonds—Cash	50.00
Interest	3.07
Total	\$688.70

### Disbursements

To National Treasurer	\$385.70
Amount on hand May 2, 1922	\$303.00

Respectfully submitted,  
SUE MOORE McQUEEN.

### Report of Committee on Claims.

Since May 1, 1921, the "Committee on Claims" has examined fifty-one New Pedigree papers and two Supplementary ones. Also the Application Slips of sixty candidates for admission. I am glad to state that there has been some improvement during the past year in regard to the authority being given on the Pedigree papers for the line of descent of the Candidate from each ancestor used, but some papers still come in without any reference whatever given, and it is now against the law of the Society to accept them until proper proof is given. I again ask, as I did last year at the Annual Meeting, that the Chairman of each County Committee impress the importance of this upon each and every one of their Candidates.

Respectfully submitted,  
MARY SUMNER KINGSBURY,  
*Chairman.*

### Report of Custodian of Register.

*Madam President and Ladies:*

As Custodian of the Register of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America, I wish to state that I have 91 copies of the Register on hand, and a balance of \$77.09 in Bank.

Balance in bank June 1, 1921 .....	\$70.90
Interest .....	2.19
Sale of 2 copies of Register .....	4.00
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Balance in bank March 1, 1922 .....	77.09

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. H. C. PRINCE.

## Report of Memorial Committee.

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

Since our last Annual Meeting, we have lost by death six members:

Miss Mary Arrington, Goldsboro, N. C., Died August 3, 1921.

Mrs. A. B. Andrews (Helen Sharpless), Raleigh, N. C., Died December 29, 1921.

Mrs. Napoleon Hill (Mary Norton Wood), Memphis, Tenn., Died January 1922.

Mrs. Louis Henry DeRosset (Jane D. Cowan), Wilmington, N. C., Died March 31, 1922.

Mrs. J. W. Murchison (Lucy Haynes Atkinson), Wilmington, N. C.; Died April 9, 1922. One of the incorporators of the Society June 29, 1894.

Mrs. Earnest V. Baltzer (Annie Meares), Died May 3, 1922.

Respectfully Submitted,  
MARY A. HILL CRONLY.



## Report of the Americanization Committee.

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*Madam President and Colonial Dames of the State of North Carolina:*

As an introduction to what little I have to say I ask permission to read to you the Circular Letter recently received from the Illinois Society. I can think of no better way to give you an idea of the scope and possibilities for patriotic service under that department of our work called Americanization.

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Our efforts toward raising the standard of moving pictures is meeting with success. The act of naturalization in our Federal Courts has been lifted from a mechanical and indifferent formula to a thoughtful and dignified function, almost over night. So far as I know Charlotte is the only other town where our members are devoting themselves to this most important work.

Mrs. Lamar in her very thoughtful and able address presenting the Plymouth Memorial to the state of Massachusetts says:—"America is not a race but an aspiration", and she says truly; but America does represent the aspiration of a race. Not the Slavic; not the Latin; not the Germanic; but that wonderful composite known as the Anglo-Saxon. It is to that race we owe our language, our system of law and our religion; our passion for justice and fair play. These are the expression of our aspiration; the fruits of the life of a race; transported to American soil; fruits which have made all Anglo-Saxon lands throughout the world the homes of

the oppressed; and whose "Magna Charta" has been a bond of liberty, under law, for all mankind.

This great State of ours is peculiarly homogeneous among our sister states, none other is more strictly Anglo-Saxon, nor has lived more truly by this aspiration of the race. It is a glorious heritage. Let us pass it on untarnished by a feverish greed and gross materialism which have bred our present industrial and social unrest, and see to it that the growth of our state is sane and healthy and our lands and industrial villages manned only by those who wish to absorb our racial aspiration without reserve, and be themselves absorbed by the common stock. Industrialism is coming our way. We welcome, we invite it. But let us profit by the mistakes of others and see to it that it comes as a blessing, and that those who ask to be counted as one of us are indeed seeking to live by our aspiration.

Respectfully submitted,  
FRANCES LATHAM HARRISS,  
*Chairman.*

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### Report of State Chairman of Committee on Preservation of Existing Records.

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

The Chairman of this committee hopes to do better when the History of Wake County is published and the responsibility of it is off her heart and mind.

I have in hand two (2) publications of Flora MacDonald College, namely: Flora MacDonald and The Aftermath of History.

The picture of the historic Oak tree in the late Colonel A. B. Andrews yard, under which Henry Clay wrote,—“I’d rather be right than president of the United States.”

Pictures of the famous pictures of King George and Queen Charlotte which hung in Mrs. Steel’s in Salisbury, with handwriting of General Green on back in chalk, “O George Hide Thy Face and Mourn.”

Picture of writing desk of Jonas Johnston b. 1740, d. 1779.

Copies of inscriptions of several tombstones of colonial times.

Copy of original handgrant.

AUGUSTA F. ANDREWS,  
(Mrs. Wm. J.)

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### Report of Librarian.

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*Madam President and Ladies:*

Having recently been appointed Librarian I have catalogued the books and pamphlets in the Assembly Rooms, and herewith submit the list of same as follows: Two copies of “The Story of America”, presented to the North Carolina Society, by the Massachusetts Society of the Colonial Dames.

“Travels in the American Colonies”, presented by the National Society of Colonial Dames.

“Once Upon a Time in Connecticut”, presented by the Connecticut Society.

"Correspondence of William Shirley", "Governor of Massachusetts", two volumns "Wax Portraits and Silhouettes", presented by Massachusetts Society Colonial Dames. "Once Upon a Time in Nebraska", presented by National Society Colonial Dames in the state of Nebraska. "History of New Hanover County", and "Some Memories of My Life", these volumns having been presented by Mrs. Alfred Moore Waddell, wife of the Author, to the Society.

"Cape Fear Chronicles", given by the Author, Mr. James Sprunt to Mrs. Waddell, who presented this book to the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames. "Publications of the North Carolina Historical Commission—the Papers of Archibald D. Murphy" in two volumns.

"In Ancient Albermarle" presented by North Carolina Society Daughters of Revolution", Raleigh—"The Shepherd of the Ocean", "Forge and Furnaces in the Province of Pennsylvania", presented by Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames.

"The Register Book for the Parish Prince Frederick Win-yaw", presented by the National Committee for Preservation of Records".

"Virginia—Its History and Antiquities—Historic Virginia—Homes and Churches", "Letters of Richard Henry Lee"—second volumn—the first is missing.

"Two copies Register North Carolina Society Colonial Dames 1900".

"Register North Carolina Society Colonial Dames 1912". These, with the Janet Schaw Diary—"Journal of a Lady of



Quality", our latest publication, constitute a library of twenty-five volumes.

In addition to the above mentioned books there are a number of interesting pamphlets including the following:

North Carolina Booklet Vols. 1 to 13.

Odd numbers of the Booklet.

Annual Reports of North Carolina Society Colonial Dames.

Fort Dobbs—Historical Sketch.

"Royal Charter of Charles II, King of England to H. R. H. James, Duke of York", presented by Delaware Society of Colonial Dames.

"Story of the Counties of North Carolina" presented by the Author, Fred. A. Olds to the President of our Society.

"Historic Sketch of Ann Pamela Cunningham Founder of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association".

Miscellaneous, Annual Reports, Directories, Minutes, Eligibility List etc, of the National Society, and of several Corporate Societies, of the Colonial Dames.

I would also like to report that I have been requested to take charge of the Scrap Book, presented by Mrs. William B. Thorpe, in which I have pasted a number of clippings, invitations, programmes, etc., pertaining to the life and activities of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames.

Respectfully submitted,  
JEAN HARRISS DELANO,  
*Librarian.*

## Report of Lenior County Committee.

*Madam President and Members of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America.*

The Lenoir County Committee takes pleasure in reporting its year's work:

The Committee takes pride in its activities in assisting to bring about a tree planting program in Lenoir County. It seems to be very generally acknowledged that the efforts of the committee were largely instrumental in what has now become a successful undertaking in the planting of shade trees along the county's principal thoroughfare, the Central Highway—the trees being planted as a memorial to those who went to serve in the World War. Each member of the committee gave a tree.

One member has been added to our committee, Mrs. H. O. Hyatt, whom the committee very sincerely welcomes.

At the January meeting we were very much pleased to have our State President, Mrs. Waddell, as our guest. Mrs. Waddell talked to us most interestingly concerning the Plymouth Memorial celebration. Mrs. C. F. Harvey was hostess at a delightful luncheon on this occasion.

As a part of its year's work, the committee has been very much interested in a literary program. We have also enjoyed having the minutes of the Board read to us.

At our last meeting Mrs. J. F. Parrott was elected Chairman for the coming year, Miss Delia Hyatt, Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. D. W. Parrott, Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,  
MAGGIE W. DAWSON,  
Secretary.

## Report of Buncombe County Committee.

*Madam President of the North Carolina Society Colonial Dames:*

After my election as Chairman of the Buncombe County Committee in November, 1921, I endeavored to carry out the following program for the year:

### **A Questionnaire, An Inspiration, An Exhibit.**

**A Questionnaire**, in order to find out just where our individual interests and tastes lay. This information later to be at the disposal of a program committee.

**Our Inspiration**, some woman, preferably colonial, who by her life in those early trying days might enthuse us to greater effort.

**Our Exhibit**, to keep us in close touch with all of the beauty as well as the extraordinary ingenuity exercised by those daring spirits who braved hardships to found our country.

Our first Questionnaire, 'Which one of your colonial ancestors interests you most and why?' brought out an amazing fund of data, which was most inspiring, and some which was humorous as for instance, the lady who crossed in a sailing vessel, bringing her cow and carved mahogany tester bed, thus realizing her artistic as well as materialistic ideas; Lord Fairfax, Elder Brewster, Sir Thomas Todd, Col Edward Mosley, Richard Lee, Sir Thomas Pollard, Governor Johnston—in all eighteen Colonials were thus memorialized, the Dames standing reverently when their names were called; colonial houses, laces, heraldry, historic silver, old documents have all taken their place in the Questionnaire. One's

mind is crowded with the wonderful avenues thus opened for loving work in the future.

**An Inspiration**, was Esther Morris, the Montana Justice of the Peace, the first woman in the world to hold such an office, she who rendered seventy decisions with only one reversal—well may our suffrage friends be thrilled!

Our next Inspiration was Patience Lovell Wright, that dauntless spirit who became such a success in London with her wax portraits, and who was the mother and inspiration of her son, Joseph, the designer of our first coins.

**Our Exhibit**, at each meeting is compelling—rich brocades worn by Baltimore and Philadelphia belles, rare documents, as the original deed executed and signed by Lord Fairfax, the lace veil of a daughter of a signer (Benjamin Harrison), bed hangings of quaint design, silver of historic value and colonial jewelry have all added to our enthusiasm, and yet we have not yet touched many things.

A letter was sent to the Cineometograph asking for pictures of educational value to the school children of North Carolina, and we are now trying to perfect plans for the Roanoke films to be presented in Asheville during the month of May. A former chairman is now at the head of our Committee for copying historic documents, she having visited more than twenty court houses while on this work.

The tablet commemorating the founding of Buncombe County which was decided upon by our President last summer, rather than the Old Fort Memorial, is now about completed, and will soon be erected. This work was left over from the regime of our former chairman, Miss Lord.



Charles Waddell, C. E., gave an illuminating talk on colonial influences and their effect upon the Carolinas, which has inspired us to ask for more.

An historic gavel was presented the Buncombe County Committee by a Dame who, when traveling abroad, secured a piece of wood from Old St. Peter's Hospital, Bristol, England, this hospital having been founded in 1600.

Trusting that the work accomplished by the Buncombe County Committee of Colonial Dames, meets with your approbation, and with expressions of gratitude for the many courtesies extended to us by our gracious Chairman of County Committees, I beg to remain;

Cordially yours,  
S. L. C. DAVIDSON,  
*Chairman, Buncombe County Com-  
mittee N. C. Society Colonial  
Dames.*

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### Report of Craven County Committee

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*My dear Madam President:*

It is with keen regret that we are sending our meagre report instead of carrying it to you in person.

Your Annual Meeting is our First Birthday—the day you appointed me Chairman of Craven County Committee.

We began with four members but added three in 1922, an old resident returning home.

We have not a great deal to report, but feel that we have begun to live and move and have our being.

A member of our Committee is writing a brief history of Craven County and we shall be most happy to send a copy to the North Carolina Society upon its completion. Another member has previously sent you a sketch of our historic trees.

I had the privilege as Chairman of presenting to the schools of the county the Mayflower Posters, making short talks to them upon Patriotism, and the meaning of our National Anthems and our Flag, with all it stands for and entreating the boys never to let it pass without baring their heads. It is a gratification to record the manner in which this was received by the colored school especially. Where it was not convenient to go in person, the teachers in the remote schools of the County were asked to present the idea with the Posters. We are indebted to our National Corresponding Secretary for Mayflower data.

As is well known to every one in this company we expect to unveil a beautiful bronze tablet on the fifth of May to mark the remaining wing of the Tryon Palace, our most priceless landmark. For this we are inexpressibly grateful to the North Carolina Society and send you our thanks and appreciation. Again we extend to each one of you a most cordial invitation to be with us.

Hoping for a fuller and more constructive years work to report in 1923, and with all good wishes for you and the Society, I am,

HARRIET B. HYMAN,  
*Chairman.*

## Report of Wayne County Committee.

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*Madam President and Members of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America:*

I have the honor to present the report of the Wayne County Committee for the year ending May 1, 1922.

The regular monthly meetings, held at the homes of the members, have been well attended, each business session being followed by an interesting program and a delightful social hour. All reports and communications from the State Chairman of County Committees and the Corresponding Secretary have been formally presented and acted upon.

Miss Mary Faison DeVane has presented the Committee with a Colonial History Scrap-book with the request that each Dame bring in clippings bearing on Colonial History. She hopes thereby to create a new interest in Colonial Research.

The Committee has ordered a copy of "The Journal of a Lady of Quality" to be read by its members and then placed on the shelves of the Goldsboro Public Library.

Mr. Emory, Principal of the Goldsboro High School, has been invited to give a lecture—Contrasting the Colonial Period with the Present. This we hope to share with the community.

Our Committee has lost, by death, one of its most valued and honored members, Miss Mary J. Arrington.

We have had the pleasure of welcoming three new members into our Committee this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
NELLIE WRIGHT COBB,  
*Chairman.*

Goldsboro, N. C., May 2, 1922.

## Report of Nash County Committee of Colonial Dames.

*Madam President, and Members of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America:*

The Nash County Committee has the honor to report its activities for the first year of its existence as follows:

The Officers are: Mrs. F. S. Spruill, Chairman; Mrs. C. L. Porter, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. R. P. Holt, Historian.

Meetings are held monthly at the homes of the members, at which time great help and inspiration are gained from the minutes of the monthly meetings of the Board of the North Carolina Society so kindly and promptly sent by the Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Thorpe.

Nash County was honored that her Chairman was sent as a delegate to the Biennial Council at Washington.

The County Chairman also had the privilege of attending the exercises held at Plymouth, Massachusetts, commemorating the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims.

The Dames, working with the Woman's Club, have presented in Rocky Mount the Historical Film "The Lost Colony" and feel that much interest has been aroused thereby in the proposed memorial to be erected at Roanoke Island. The Nash County Dames are ready to help in the work of commemorating the earliest attempted English settlement in the United States of America.

They have had a share in the Jewish Relief Drive, and other patriotic movements.



In the work of Americanization, they endeavor, by meetings in the homes, by instruction, and friendly intercourse, to make good citizens of the alien population. The Mayflower posters, which the National Society recommended should be placed in the graded schools of the country, have been secured and framed, and await a visit from the honored State President of the Colonial Dames, who will deliver the presentation address in the near future. The book, "A Lady of Quality", will be placed in the City Public Library by the Dames.

With assurance of loyalty to the Society, this report is respectfully submitted.

Alice Winston Spruill,

*Chairman for Nash County.*

Rocky Mount, N. C., April 1, 1922.

### **Report of Mecklenburg County Committee of Colonial Dames.**

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*Madam President and Members of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America:*

I take pleasure in submitting a report of the years activities of the Mecklenburg Committee of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames. We have completed a year of pleasant and profitable work.

Our Meetings have been held regularly each month, on the third Thursday at the homes of the members, and have been well attended. The efficient Chairman of the Program Committee, Mrs. C. W. Tillett had interesting papers read on colonial events, and in March at Roll Call each Dame

responded with a short sketch of her colonial ancestor. On the 24th of March the Committee united with other patriotic societies in giving a reception to the disabled Veterans who were in Charlotte attending their Annual State Convention. The Historical Research Committee, Miss Julia Robertson, the efficient Chairman, succeeded in having the Colonial Home of Heseekiah Alexander marked. The old date 1774 which had been cut in the corner stone had become almost obliterated. This was re-cut following the old lines. A photograph was made of the historic building showing the date. This work was begun under the leadership of Mrs. W. H. Belk, who gave it her hearty endorsement.

Several members are having photographs made of their Colonial Antiques.

A Committee was appointed to confer with Mr. W. S. Crosby to make arrangements for having the Roanoke Island Movie films shown in our city.

We note with pleasure the appointment of Miss Violet Alexander as a member of the State Committee of Historical Research for the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames.

Mrs. John Van Landingham presented the Committee with one of her Charming Books "Glowing Embers", a copy of the diary "A Journal of a Lady of Quality" was presented by the Committee to the Carnegie Library for circulation.

Thanking the society for the Historic Pictures, also for the Minutes which have proved inspiring, interesting and helpful.

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. LATTA C. JOHNSTON,  
*Chairman.*

## Report of Wake County Committee.

*Madam President and Ladies:*

As Chairman of the Wake County Committee it gives me great pleasure to report that the History of Wake County written under the auspices of the Wake County Committee is completed.

It is written and illustrated by one of our members,—Hope Summerell Chamberlain (Mrs. J. R. Chamberlain). Only the fact that Mrs. Chamberlain is our delegate and must read this report prevents my writing all I would say in praise of her work.

We who believe in the heretage of ancestry will not be surprised that the grand-daughter of the man whose name graces the highest peak of our state (in fact the highest peak east of the Mississippi) Mt. Mitchell, wrote this history and has illustrated it with twenty-five pen and ink sketches. It is a work of art and too high praise cannot be given it. The author states, also, that it has been a labor of love, as it is to be dedicated to her much loved friend "Our late beloved chairman Julia M. Andrews (Mrs. A. B. Andrews)" whose picture is to be the frontispiece.

I have prevailed upon Mrs. Chamberlain to bring her illustrations and a sample page of our to-be-published history.

The history has twelve (12) chapters, starts with beginnings but finishes during the Civil War. Being ambitious for a history down to the present time, two months ago I requested Miss Mary Hilliard Hinton to write a History of Wake County from the Civil War to the present date, that our history will remain the work of the Colonial Dames of

Wake County. Altho' she has not given me a definite answer I have good reason to believe that Miss Hinton will take up this work conscientiously and so complete our preservation of the records of Wake County.

Of our completed History of Wake County by Hope Summerell Chamberlain we expect to have 75 to 100 de luxe copies in (Colonial Dame color) blue leather with gold lettering. The initial letter of each chapter will be illumined by hand by our artist-author and each volume will be signed and numbered; over fifty have already been subscribed for at \$5.00 a copy. There will be some others printed on the same cream paper, with same wide margin and vivid black ink (bound in buckram) at \$4.00 a copy.

We were honored by our President Mrs. Waddell coming to us and giving her sanction to our History and plans of publication, at an author's reading held in Raleigh recently.

MRS. WM. J. ANDREWS,  
*Chairman Wake County Committee.*

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### **Committee for the Preservation of Existing Records.**

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Mrs. W. A. Wall, Hillsboro, N. C.; Mrs. T. C. Hyman, New Berne, N. C.; Mrs. C. F. Harvey, Kinston, N. C.; Mrs. J. R. Chamberlain, Raleigh, N. C.; Mrs. John Van Landingham, 500 East Avenue, Charlotte, N. C.



## **Activities of Committee for the Preservation of Existing Records.**

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Securing originals or having copies made of wills, deeds, Bible records, marriage certificates and samplers. Making copies of tombstone inscriptions, old letters and geneological records; having copies made of parish registers, court house records for publication or otherwise, and cataloguing or filing same. To arouse interest of civil and ecclesiastical authorities to have all records placed in fire-proof buildings.

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## **Historic Research Committee.**

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Miss Delia Hyatt, Chairman, 328 N. Queen St., Kinston, N. C.; Mrs. W. M. Creasy, 805 Ann Street, Wilmington, N. C.; Mrs. D. C. Waddell, 55 Grove Street, Asheville, N. C.; Mrs. E. C. Gregory, 476 Allison St., Salisbury, N. C.; Miss Violet Alexander, 400 Trade St., Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. Thomas Battle, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Miss M. C. Wilcy, 523 Spruce Street, Winston, N. C.

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## **Activities of Historic Research Committee.**

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The discovery of trails, forts, customs, Indian remains or the histories thereof. The histories of old houses or other buildings, diaries or compilations of letters forming the biography of historic men and women.

### Americanization Committee.

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### Roanoke Island Committee.

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### Valley Forge Committee.

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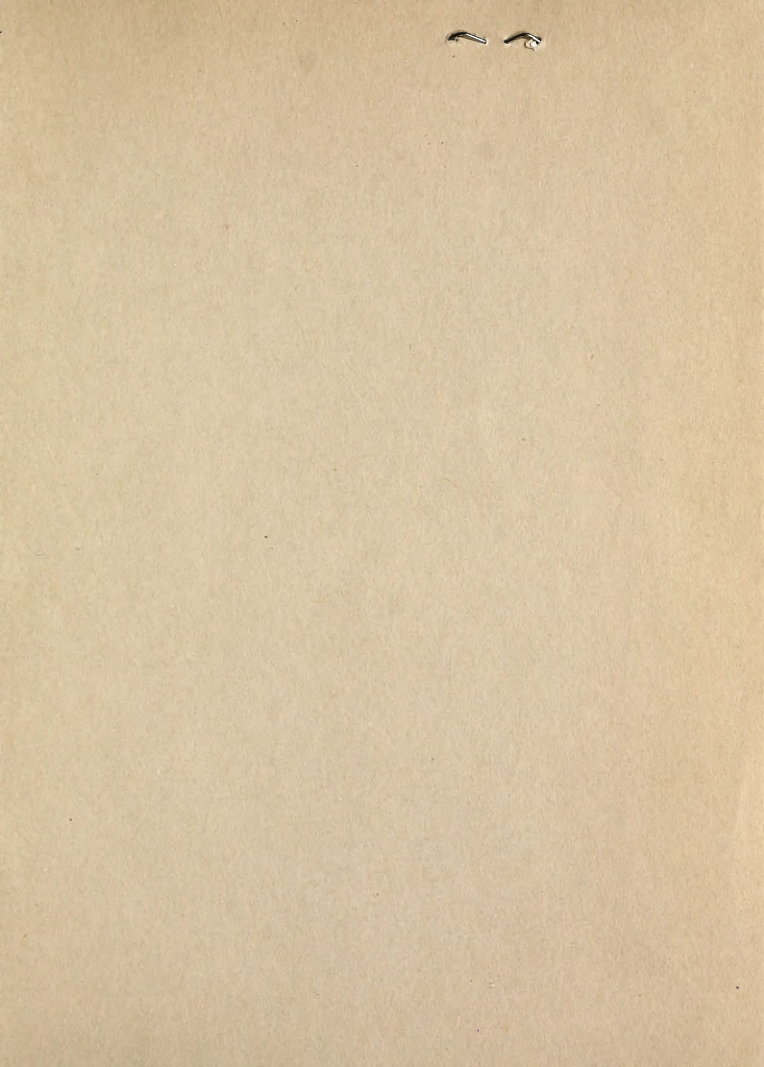
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